

Summary: seat belt wearing requirements in cars and goods vehicles

Current Rules				Future Rules		
	Front seat	Rear seat	Who is responsible?	Front Seat	Rear Seat	
Driver	Seat belt must be worn if fitted		Driver	Seat belt must be worn if fitted		Driver
Child under 3 years of age	Correct child restraint must be used.	Correct child restraint must be used if available.	Driver	Correct child restraint must be used.	Correct child restraint must be used. If one is not available in a taxi, may travel unrestrained	Child under 3 years of age
Child aged 3 to 11 and under 1.5 metres (approx 5ft) in height	Correct child restraint must be used if available. If not an adult seat belt must be worn.	Correct child restraint must be used if available. If not an adult seat belt must be worn if available.	Driver	Correct child restraint must be used.	Correct child restraint must be used where seat belts fitted. Must use adult belt if: - in a taxi, the correct child restraint not available; - on a short and occasional trip, the correct child restraint not available; - two occupied child restraints prevent fitment of a third.	Child aged 3 to 11 and under 1.35 metres (approx 4ft 5ins) in height
Child 12 or 13, or 1.5 metres (approx 5ft) or more in height.	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Driver	Seat belt must be worn if fitted	Adult seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Child 12 or 13, or over 1.35 metres (approx 4ft 5ins in height)
Adult passengers	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Passenger	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Adult passengers