



# TIPS on buying second-hand child restraints

## ONLY BUY A RESTRAINT THAT MEETS THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

A sticker will show that it meets the AS/NZS 1754 standard. It is illegal to use overseas models or restraints meeting the 2000 or older standards.

## DON'T USE A RESTRAINT THAT'S MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD

A separate sticker should show the year of manufacture. Consider how long your child will need the restraint. Newer restraints are likely to be safer.

## CHECK THAT ALL PARTS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

There should be no signs of wear and tear, and the buckle should click in to place securely.

## KNOW THE HISTORY

Damage might not be obvious, so it's important to check if the restraint has been in a crash. A restraint that's been in a crash must be destroyed and should not be for sale.

## CHECK THE SAFETY RATING

Compare the safety of seats at [childcarseats.com.au](http://childcarseats.com.au)

## CHECK THE RESTRAINT IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR NEEDS

Is the restraint the right size? Will it fit in your car?

## ASK FOR THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

The manual will have instructions on fitting the restraint correctly. Some manuals can be downloaded online from manufacturers.

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for videos and more tips on  
choosing and using  
child restraints

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to compare the safety and  
ease of use of child restraints  
and booster seats