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Preventing Child Passenger Injuries: How does a Booster Seat Work?

An adult seat belt may not protect a child properly until they're 148cm tall. So be on the safe side and keep primary school-age kids in a booster seat until they are 148cm tall.



Raises child higher than the car seat

Safety belt fits properly across shoulder and breast bone

Lap belt correctly positioned across top of legs

CRASH FORCES: WITH BOOSTER SEAT



CRASH FORCES: WITHOUT BOOSTER SEAT



Crash test simulation from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (Video: http://youtu.be/AccYpfcElTs)

HALF OF ALL NEW ZEALAND CHILDREN **STILL NEED TO USE A BOOSTER SEAT AT 10 YEARS OF AGE**





All 5 year olds require a booster seat

90% of 6 to 8 vear olds require a booster seat

50% of 9 and 10 vear olds require a booster seat

10% of 11 and 12 vear olds require a booster seat

Remember, it's about **height** not age: children must use an appropriate child restraint until they are **148cm** tall.

THE INJURIES THAT CAN **BE CAUSED BY USING AN ADULT SEATBELT TOO SOON**

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148cm)



THE NUMBERS: Child motor vehicle passenger injuries in New Zealand



2nd **LEADING CAUSE** of unintentional injury related death for children in NZ



18 CHILDREN DIE in vehicle crashes every year; half of them are tamariki Māori

3 CHILDREN are hospitalised every week as a result of vehicle crashes



HOSPITALISATION BY ETHNICITY AND FIVE YEAR AGE GROUP





New NZ Law, from 1 November 2013: Children must use an appropriate child restraint until their 7th birthday.



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