



CHILD RESTRAINTS

New regulations governing the use of child car seats will come into force on **18 September 2006**.

Most people make sure that children use some kind of restraint when travelling on the road, but it is vitally important to use the right one, and not to use an adult belt before the child is big enough.

Small children need the protection that baby seats and child seats are designed to provide. Seat belts are designed for adults. Children who have grown out of child seats still need to use booster seats and booster cushions.

A child 3 and over may travel unrestrained in the rear seat of a vehicle if seat belts are not available. **Driver Responsible**

A child over 1.35metres (approx 4ft 5ins in height) or 12 or 13 years – seat belt must be worn if available. **Driver Responsible**

Adult passengers (i.e. 14 years and over) – seat belt must be worn if available. **Passenger Responsible**

In addition, the revised regulations also say that rear-facing baby seats must not be used in a seat protected by a frontal air-bag unless the air-bag has been deactivated manually or automatically.

For more information, go to: www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk/campaigns/childcarseats/leaflet06.htm or call Martin Gibson of GO-NE Transport Team on 0191 202 3532 who will provide a leaflet with further details.