

GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK 23 - 29 APRIL

Some facts...

- Approximately 200-300 children per year are treated for injuries sustained in motor vehicle collisions at Red Cross Children's Hospital. 80% of these children were not buckled up or restrained in any way.
- Child car safety seats reduce the risk of death in passenger cars by 71% (infants) and 54% (toddlers).



What does the law say...?

- It is the driver's responsibility and legal obligation to ensure that children are buckled up in a car safety seat (child restraint) or seatbelt where available.
- The parent or driver caught endangering a child will have to appear in court, receive a fine and depending on the case may receive a criminal record.
- In cases where children are killed or injured, the parent or driver could be charged with criminal charges such as "Reckless or Negligent Driving," "Culpable Homicide" or even "Murder."



Seat belts and car safety seats save lives - BUCKLE UP!!

How can I keep my child safe in the car...?

- The safest way for children to travel in cars is in an approved car safety seat or seatbelt that is suitable for their weight and size and also for your car.
- Car safety seats for newborns should face backwards.



- Do not hold a child on your lap. Use a car seat or seatbelt correctly, even for short trips.
- NEVER let a child stand in the car.
- NEVER put children in the back of a bakkie.