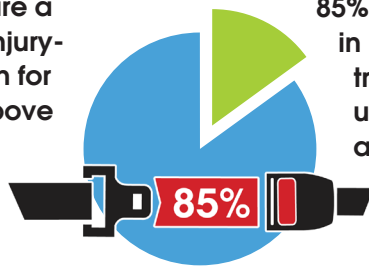


# CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

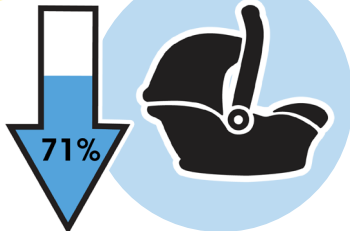
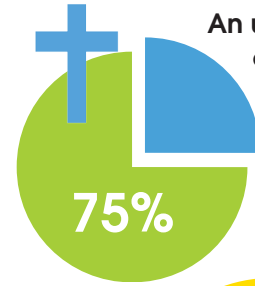
Motor vehicle crashes are a major cause of injury-related death for children above 12 years.



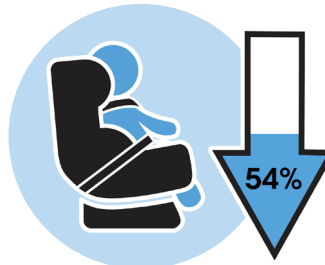
85% of children in South Africa travel unrestrained as passengers in cars.



An unrestrained child has a 75% chance of dying in the event of a crash.



Car safety seats can reduce the risk of passenger deaths by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers.



During a crash, an unrestrained child passenger can be ejected like a missile.

By law, all children need to properly buckled up.



Children under 12 years should be properly restrained in the back seat.

All passengers must buckle up every time, even for a short trip.



Never hold a child on your lap.

While airbags can save lives, children riding in the front seat can be seriously injured or killed when an airbag is deployed during a crash.



Never put a child in a rear-facing seat in a front seat of a car with an active frontal airbag.

If using a second-hand car seat, make sure it hasn't been in a crash or been recalled.



## Choosing a car seat

Birth to 13 kg or 15 months



Rear-facing

9 kg to 18 kg or 4 years



Forward-facing

15 kg to 25 kg or 8 years



High-back booster  
Forward-facing

When child reaches height of 150cm or 22 kg to 36 kg



Booster cushion  
Forward-facing



**IN AN EMERGENCY**

Call Emergency Services for help (112 OR 10177)