

## Car Safety Tip...

Don't distract the driver of the car with loud music or noises.



## IT IS THE LAW...

Every person in a car MUST wear a seat belt.



# Earl Spencer Primary School

JRSO Information Leaflet



# In Car Safety

# The Law

Children must normally use the correct car seat until they reach 135 cm tall or age 12, but there are **exceptions**. The type of car seat your child needs depends on their weight.

Never carry a child on your lap or use a single seat belt for 2 passengers, whatever their age.

**Only EU-approved baby seats, child car seats or booster cushions can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle. Second hand child seats or boosters must still meet current safety standards - check them thoroughly before accepting and make sure they haven't been involved in a crash.**

## Child car seat types

Type of seat	Weight range
Rear-facing baby seats	Babies up to 13kg
Forward or rear-facing baby seats	Children from 9 to 18kg
Forward-facing child car seats (booster seats)	Children from 15 to 25kg
Booster cushions	Children over 22kg

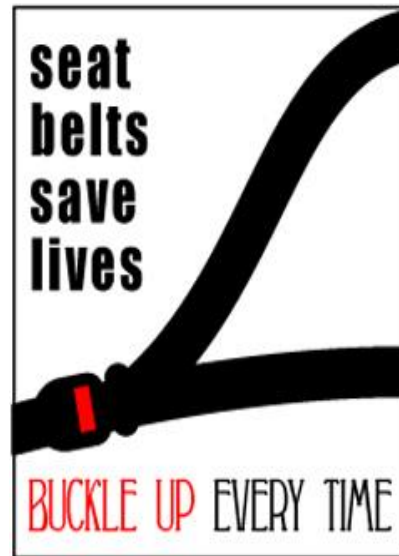
## When a child can travel without a car seat

There are a few situations when a child can travel without a car seat if one isn't available.

## Taxis and private hire vehicles (minicabs)

In a licensed taxi or licensed private hire vehicle (minicab), children aged:

- under 3 can travel without a child's car seat or seat belt, but only on the back seat
- 3 years or older can travel without a child's car seat but they must wear an adult seat belt



## Unexpected but necessary journeys over a short distance

If the correct child seat isn't available, a child over 3 years old can use the adult belt for an unexpected but necessary journey over a short distance. This doesn't apply to a regular school run or planned journey.

You must not take children under 3 in a vehicle without a seat belt or the correct child car seat (except in the back seat of a taxi or minicab).

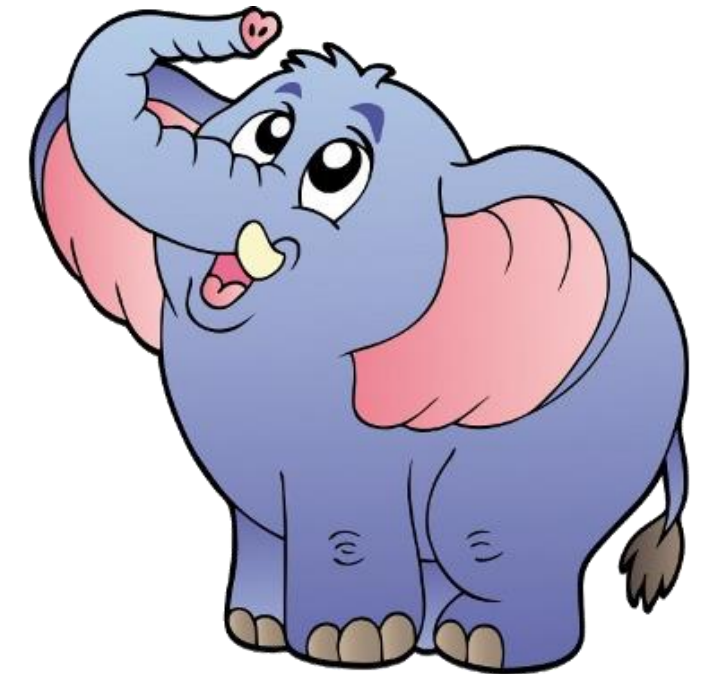
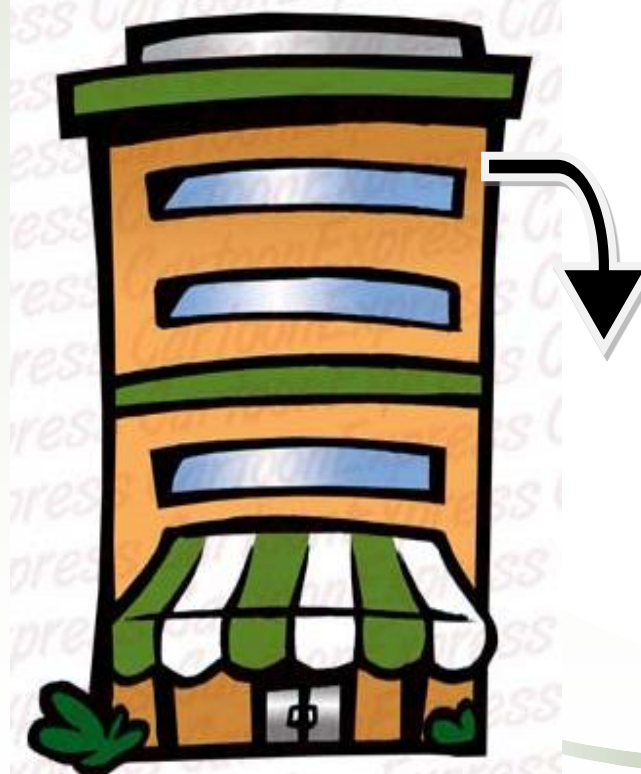
## No room for a 3rd child seat in the back

If there's no room for a 3rd child seat in the back seat a 3rd child under the age of 3 can't travel unless they are in the front seat with the correct child seat.

Children over 3 years can either use the front seat with the correct child seat or sit in the back using an adult belt.

## Did you know?

**A collision at 30mph is equivalent to a fall from the third floor of a building.**



## Did you know?

**In a car crash, if a child doesn't wear a seat belt, they could hit the seat in front of them with the force of a baby elephant!**