

## SYNTHESIS OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON CHILD RESTRAINTS (LEGISLATION)

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ECE COUNTRIES	Child restraint legislation (10 a)		Type of legislation (10 a)			Breakdown of legal requirements by age bands and specific child restraint type (10 b)								Are drivers in buses/taxis obliged to carry child restraints? (11)	
	Federal/National law	State/Provincial law	for Front and Rear	for Front	for Rear	Age/weight band		Age/weight band		Age/weight band		Age/weight band		In buses	In taxis
						Type of restraint	Seating position	Type of restraint	Seating position	Type of restraint	Seating position	Type of restraint	Seating position		
Albania	X	--	Yes 8/1999	--	--	0 – 12 Approved type; Front & Rear								No	--
Azerbaijan	--	--	No	No	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No
Bulgaria	--	--	No	No	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No
Canada	--	X	--	<i>Not recommended</i>	Yes 1982	0 – 1 Rear-facing	Front: <i>not recom.</i> Rear: Yes	1 – 5 Forward-facing	Front: <i>not recom.</i> Rear: Yes	5 – 8 Booster seat	Front: <i>not recom.</i> Rear: Yes	8 – 13 3-point belt	Front: <i>not recom.</i> Rear: Yes	No	No
Croatia	--	--	--	--	Yes 08/04	--	--	0 – 5 Forward-facing	Rear: Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--
Czech Republic	--	X <u>1/</u>	Yes 2000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No
Denmark	--	X	Yes 12/92	--	--	0 - 2 Box or chair	--	3 - 6 chair	--	--	--	--	--	No	No

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			for Front and Rear	for Front	for Rear	Type of restraint	Seating position	Type of restraint	Seating position	Type of restraint	Seating position	Type of restraint	Seating position		
<b>Estonia</b>	X	--	--	Yes 1995	Yes 7/96	Group 0 < 10 kg (until 9 months) RWCRS	Front	Group 1 (8 months to 3 1/2 years) 9 – 18 kg: FFCRS/booster seat	Front & Rear	Group 2 (3 - 7 years) 15 – 25 kg: FFCRS/booster seat	Rear	Group 3 (6 - 12 years) 22 – 36 kg: FFCRS/booster seat <u>2/</u>	Front & Rear	No	No
<b>Finland</b>	X	--	Yes	--	--	0 – 12 and <150 cm Appropriate restraint in relation with child's height and weight. Children 0-2 must travel in rear if front lacks adequate restraint.								No	No
<b>France</b>	X	--	Yes 1992	--	--	Group 0 0-13 kg: RWCRS	Front & Rear	Group 1 9-18 kg FFCRS	Rear Front: exception	Groups 2 & 3 booster	Rear Front: exception	--	--	No	No
<b>Georgia</b>	--	--	No	No	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No
<b>Germany</b>	X	--	Yes 1993	--	--	0 - 9 months/ < 10 kg /: GO/RWCRS	Front: without passenger airbag	9 months - 4years/ 9 – 18 kg GI/RWCRS or FFCRS	--	2 - 6 years 15 – 25 kg GII/ FFCRS	--	6 - 12 years 22 – 36kg GIII/ FFCRS	--	No	Yes
<b>Hungary</b>	X	--	Yes 2002	--	--	0 – 12 and <150 cm								No	No

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Ireland	X National	--	Yes 1991	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No
Israel	X	--	--	Yes 1984	Yes 1987	0 – 1 year	Infant seat: Rear or Front: without passenger airbag	2 – 3 years	Toddler's seat: Rear or Front: without passenger airbag	4 – 8 years	Rear Booster seat	> 9 years	Rear Seat belt	No	No
Kazakhstan	--	X	No	No	No	0-12	Front	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No
Kyrgyzstan	--	--	No	No	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No
Latvia	X	--	Yes 1996	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Yes <u>3</u> /	Yes
Luxembourg	X	--	Yes 1992	--	--	< 3 years ECE No. 44	Front & Rear Front: RWCRS without passenger airbag or if airbag is de- activated	3 – 12 years and < 150cm ECE No. 44	Front	--	--	--	--	No	No
Malta	X	--	Yes 2003	--	--	0 – 9 months baby seat	Front	6 months – 4 years child seat	Front & Rear	6 months – 6 years booster seat	Front & Rear	4 – 11 years booster cushion	Front & Rear	No	No





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<b>TOTAL</b>  33 replies	<b>19 Federal/National law</b>	<b>5 State/Provincial law</b>	<b>9 no answers or N/A</b>	<b>19 Federal/National law</b>	<b>5 State/Provincial law</b>	<b>9 no answers or N/A</b>	<p><b>21 very varied answers</b></p> <p><b>Reference to age only: <u>11 countries</u></b></p> <p><b>Reference to weight only: <u>2 countries</u></b></p> <p><b>Reference to age and weight : <u>2 countries</u></b></p> <p><b>Reference to age and size: <u>2 countries</u></b></p> <p><b>Various or not precisely specified: <u>4 countries</u></b></p>								<b>12 no answers or N/A</b>	<p><b>In buses:</b></p> <p>2 yes</p> <p>30 no</p> <p>1 no answer or N/A</p> <p><b>In taxis:</b></p> <p>4 yes</p> <p>27 no</p> <p>2 no answers or N/A</p>

ECA COUNTRIES	Child restraint legislation (10 a)		Type of legislation (10 a) Restraint legislation:			Breakdown of legal requirements by age bands and specific child restraint type (10 b) Child restraints: forward facing (FFCRS); rearward facing (RWCRS); booster seat								Are drivers in buses/taxis obliged to carry child restraints? (11)	
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<b>Burundi</b>	--	--	No	No	No	No legislation exists for child restraint devices.								No	No
<b>Cameroon</b>	--	--	No	No	No	No legislation exists for child restraint devices.								No	No
<b>Central African Republic</b>	--	--	No	No	No	No legislation exists for child restraint devices.								No	No
<b>Egypt</b>	X	--	--	Yes 2000	--	Under 7 years old: Forbidden to ride in front seat								No	No
<b>Mauritius</b>	--	--	No	No	No	No legislation exists for child restraint devices.								No	No
<b>Morocco</b>	X Law in progress	--	No	No	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No
<b>TOTAL</b>  <b>6 replies</b>	<b>2 Federal/National law</b> <b>4 no answers or N/A</b>		<b>For Front and Rear</b> 5 no 1 no answer or N/A <b>For Front</b> 1 yes (2000) 5 no <b>For Rear</b> 5 no 1 no answer or N/A			<b>1 Forbidden to ride in front seat</b> <b>4 no legislation</b> <b>1 no answer or N/A</b>								<b>In buses:</b> 6 no	<b>In taxis:</b> 6 no

Footnotes:

- 1/ Czech legislation makes child-restraint use mandatory on motorways only.
- 2/ Estonia: Group III (6-12 yrs) 22 – 36 kgs: FFCRS; booster seat Front and Rear.
- 3/ Latvia: Since 1 July 2004, there is no exemption for buses and taxis from child-restraint use.
- 4/ Norway: Legislation under revision, inter alia, due to Directive 2003/20.
- 5/ Turkey: 18 June 1995: Road Traffic Law of the Turkish Republic is enacted making mandatory use of seatbelts (as equipment designed for protection during travel) only in front seats and only in non-urban areas. Children under 10 years old are not allowed to travel in the front seats of vehicles mentioned in Regulations for Road Traffic – Article 150. (Karayolu Trafik Yönetmeliği: Madde 150). These vehicles are private cars, minibuses, vans, trailer, buses.  
14 June 2003: Another regulation called the Regulation for School buses which came into force includes an item stating that “all seats must be equipped with seatbelts in school buses.”  
The Regulations for Road Traffic do not include any provisions for child restraint systems.
- 6/ USA: See “Passenger Car and Light Truck Occupants Killed or Injured, by Age and Restraint Use”, <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/pdf/nrd-30/NCSA/TSFAnn/TSF2003.pdf> - Table 123 on page 180.