

Seat Belt Penalties and Child Restraints

ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Fines subject to change without notice.
Current to 30 June 2025

For more information contact Council's Road Safety Officer on 8757 9000

Seat Belt Penalties Australian Road Rule - 256-267

Offence type	Paid by	Fine + Demerit Points
Driver not wearing a seat belt	Driver	\$387 + 3DP
1 Passenger not wearing sa eat belt		\$410 + 3DP
2 Passengers not wearing a seat belt		\$818 + 6DP
3 Passengers not wearing a seat belt		\$1,245+ 6DP
4 Passengers not wearing a seat belt		\$1,728 + 6DP
Child in unapproved restraint for their age		\$387 + 3DP
Passenger not wearing a seat belt	Passenger (If 16 years+)	\$387
Passenger sharing a seat belt		\$387



Children < 6 months

Require: Rearward facing
restraint



Children 6 months - 4 years

Require: Rear OR forward
facing restraint



Children 4 - 7 years

Require: Forward facing
restraint or booster seat

- Children younger than 4 years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows.
- Children aged 4 years to under 7 years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than 7 years in a child restraint or booster seat.

If a child is not riding in an approved restraint appropriate to their age, you could be fined
\$387 + 3 Demerit Points.