CARRYING CHILDREN SAFELY

Children up to 1.5 m in height must always be placed in an approved restraint system or seated in a child seat suitable for their weight. Children over 1.5 m in height must wear ordinary adult seat belts.

The driver, or the adult accompanying the minor, is responsible for compliance regarding the use of an appropriate restraint system/child seat or seat belts.

FINE for non-compliance (article 172, paragraph 10, Italian Highway Code): 80 to 323 Euros. PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -5 out of 20 full starting points.

CHILDREN TRANSPORTATION SAFETY TIPS:

1) The most appropriate child restraint:
   • is suitable for the child’s weight
   • bears the European type-approval label (ECE R 44-04).

2) Fitting the child restraint properly:
   • Fully comply with the manufacturer’s instructions
   • If the car is equipped with an Isofix system the child restraint is more safely installed, being directly and rigidly attached to the car structure
   • it is forbidden to fit the child restraint rearward facing on the front seat, unless the airbag is turned off.

3) Placing the child correctly in the child restraint:
   • Make sure that the diagonal belt passes across the child’s shoulder rather than neck
   • Make sure you fasten seat belts correctly so as to secure the child in the seat
   • Take off child’s fluffy garments before placing him/her in the seat.

Please note that a collision at 15 km/h (9.321 mph) can be fatal for a child not secured with appropriate child restraint. In a crash at 56 km/h (34.7984 mph), a child weighing 15 kg (33.07 lbs) develops a striking force equal to 225 kg (496.04 lbs). No matter how tightly you try to hold the child, he/she would be ripped from your arms.

Road accidents are the first cause of death in Europe for children aged 5 to 13 years old: 12,000 minors die on the roads each year, 5,000 out of them are children.

About 40% of the European children are transported by car without child restraint systems and more than 50% are placed in inadequate devices (that is, not complying with the international standards, not matching the child’s weight or wrongly fitted in the vehicle).
GROUPS OF RESTRAINTS

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CHILDREN ON MOTORCYCLES

Only one passenger aged at least 5 can be carried on a motorcycle, provided the child can seat comfortably balanced and wear an EU homologated helmet.

*FINE* for non-compliance of age limit (article 170, paragraph 6bis, Italian Highway Code): 160 to 641 Euros.
*PENALTY POINTS* on driving licence: 0 out of 20 full starting points.

*FINE* for non-compliance of compulsory helmet for the child aged at least 5 (article 171, paragraph 2, Italian Highway Code): 80 to 323 Euros.
*PENALTY POINTS* on driving licence: -5 out of 20 full starting points.