

Road safety

Seatbelt safety on the bus

If a bus is fitted with seatbelts, your child must use the seatbelt. **It is the law.**

Talk with your child about the importance of correctly wearing a seatbelt on the bus.

Remind them that they must wear a seatbelt correctly in any vehicle.

While you or another adult usually help your child to buckle up, remind them that this may not be possible when they are on the school bus. It is important that they check their seatbelt is adjusted firmly. The lap portion should lie flat across their hips and not be twisted.

Why is a seatbelt important?

Wearing a seatbelt helps protect your child in the event of a crash.

In a crash, a seatbelt:

- helps the body slow down at the same speed as the vehicle
- spreads the force of the impact over the stronger parts of the body (pelvis and chest areas)
- reduces the risk of passengers colliding with each other or the inside of the vehicle
- reduces the risk of the driver or passengers being thrown from the vehicle.



Wearing a seatbelt doubles the chance of surviving a crash and reduces the risk of injury.

To protect your family, always make sure they all buckle up correctly.



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environment, visit the families section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Key road safety messages to share with your child

- Click, clack, front and back
- Always buckle up safely