

Consent to be contacted

To register to take part in this study, or to find out more about it, you can do **any of the following**:

1. Visit our website at <http://www.neura.edu.au/car-seat-study>
2. Call a member of our research team on **9399 1234** to get some more information
3. Send a text using the words “car seat study” to **0406 054800** and we will call you back to tell you more about it
4. Send an email to child-safety-study@neura.edu.au

Thank you

The study has been approved by The University of New South Wales Human Research Ethics Advisory Panel.

Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study should contact: Human Ethics, The University of New South Wales, 2052 Australia.

Telephone (02) 9385 6222, or email humanethics@unsw.edu.au.

Any complaint you make will be investigated promptly and you will be informed of the outcome.



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A study of the use of Child Car Seats

We are looking for participants to take part in a study about how and when you use your child's car seat



Who are we?

Neuroscience Research Australia is one of the largest research institutes in Australia dedicated to the study of the brain and nervous system. We have an international reputation for research excellence.

Areas of research include:

- injury prevention
- mental illness (e.g. schizophrenia, autism etc)
- ageing and neurodegeneration (e.g. dementia)
- sensation, movement, balance and falls
- brain structure and function
- neural injury

Why have I been given this pamphlet?

You are being invited to take part because you have recently purchased a child restraint system. We are interested in users of child restraint systems (and those who have never used them before).

Who is running the study?

The project is funded in part by the National Health & Medical Research Council. Partners in this study are:

- Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA)
- University of New South Wales
- Monash University
- The George Institute for Global Health
- Britax

What is the child car seat study about?

The child car seat study is a research study looking at the factors that help or hinder proper child car seat use.

We are interested in the use of information sources about the correct use of child car seats. We are hoping that the study will help reduce the level of incorrect use of child seats and thereby reduce the risk of injury to children in the event of a crash.

We are not asking you to do anything differently than you would normally do. We are just interested in how effective information that comes with the child restraint you have purchased is in guiding your use of the child seat.

The findings from the study will help us develop the best possible set of informational materials so that all children in Australia using car seats, such as the one you have purchased, can travel as safely as possible.

Who can take part?

If you are over the age of 18 years, hold a current drivers license, own a motor vehicle, are the parent or other primary carer of a child who will be using this new restraint — you are able to take part!

Whether or not you have experience with using child seats, we would love for you to be involved.

What is involved?

If you are interested in this study, you can read the information sheet that provides more details about what is involved.

In a nutshell, if you participate, you would take the car seat home and install it or have it installed using the instructional materials provided with it. These materials are additional to what is normally included with the manufacturer's instructions. They are compiled by experts in child safety.

Six months after you start using the car seat we will arrange a visit to your place so we can

- 1) check the child restraint,
- 2) ask you to respond to a questionnaire about how and when your child uses the restraint, and
- 3) install a small in-vehicle camera for just 24 hours that will capture information about how the car seat is used over that time.

We will come back to your place the next day to collect the camera. At that time, we will provide you with information about whether there are any improvements that could be made to how the car seat is used for optimal safety.

Participation in any aspect of this study is completely voluntary and if you do agree to participate you can withdraw from the study at any time!