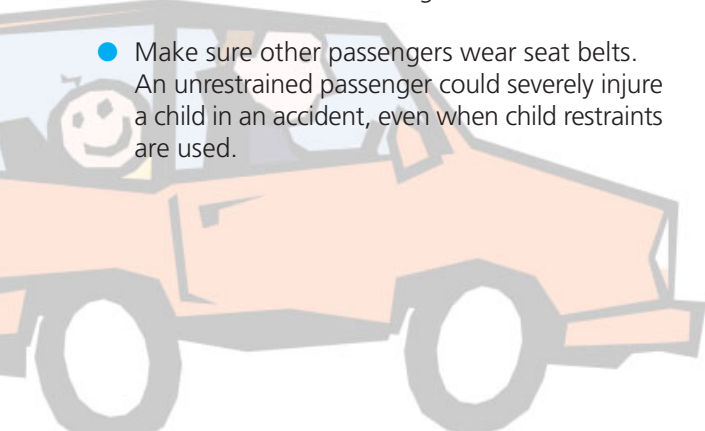


# USEFUL TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

- Use a child safety seat for every journey – however short.
- Always install the seat according to the instructions and do not improvise.
- Always check the seat is firmly in position every time you use it. There should be very little sideways or forward movement.
- Make sure your child's harness is correctly adjusted every trip.
- Position the harness buckle low over the hips, not over the stomach.
- Never use a child safety seat in the front where an airbag is fitted.
- The seat must be suitable for the make and model of the car.
- The adult seat belt buckle should not rest on the child car seat's frame.
- Never use a child car seat if it has been involved in an accident or is damaged.
- Make sure other passengers wear seat belts. An unrestrained passenger could severely injure a child in an accident, even when child restraints are used.



## Further Information



For further information on the scheme please contact **Wishaw General Hospital, Registry Office** on **01698 366547 / 366627** (Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm).

For information on other road safety matters contact **North Lanarkshire Council, Road Safety Section** on **01698 302122**

[www.northlan.gov.uk](http://www.northlan.gov.uk)



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**Safer from the start**

## BACKGROUND

Child car safety seats are proven life-savers! Tests have shown that where a child is suitably restrained in a car it is...

- **90% less likely to be killed.**
- **75% less likely to be seriously injured.**
- **67% less likely to be slightly injured.**

It's quite simple. Children should be restrained where possible on **ALL** journeys – even on the shortest trip. An unrestrained child can be killed at a speed as low as 5 miles per hour – just about walking pace!

This loan scheme has been set up to provide a cheap and efficient in car safety scheme enabling your child to travel restrained in the car from the very first journey.

The scheme is a partnership between North Lanarkshire Council's Road Safety Unit and Wishaw General Hospital. Funding for the equipment has been provided by the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund – a special Government grant to North Lanarkshire Council used to promote various aspects of community safety.



## BRITAX ROCK-A-TOT

The seat issued will be a BRITAX Rock-a-Tot which is one of the best selling infant carriers in the UK and can be used from birth to 13kg (birth to approx. 9-12months).

A three-point, one-pull harness secures your baby in the seat and is easily adjustable before every journey. It installs rearward facing only by using a lap and diagonal seat belt. A simple single-handed adjustment takes it from a car seat to a carrier. A newborn head support, chest and tummy pads are also included.

## DOES THE ROCK-A-TOT FIT ALL CARS?

Since all makes and models of car differ, it is **not guaranteed that this seat will fit your car.** Before hiring the seat, please check with the **Britax Customer Services Helpline on 01264 386034** for advice as to the suitability of this seat for your car.

A check should also be made on the suitability of the seat for any other car in which it may be used. Britax has also set up a web site [www.britax.co.uk](http://www.britax.co.uk) where information can be obtained on the suitability of the Rock-a-Tot seat for use in different cars.

## HOW THE HIRE SCHEME WORKS

- From the 36th week of pregnancy you may go to the Hospital Registry Office and order a child safety seat. The office is situated on the 3rd floor.
- An easily completed form will require to be filled in.
- A hire charge of £20 (£10 of which is refundable) will be payable when the seat is collected.
- A member of the hospital staff will give appropriate instructions on the fitting and use of the seat.
- A car safety seat will be issued for use for a period of around 9 months.
- An instruction and care leaflet will be issued with the seat.
- Once you have finished using the child car seat, it should be returned to the Registry Office. The £10 deposit will be refunded on return of the seat in good condition within the specified period.
- For the safety of your baby and that of subsequent users, the hospital **MUST** be notified if the seat is involved in an accident. **A replacement seat will be provided free of charge.**
- Seats are fully cleaned and checked when returned.

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