

BERMAGUI PRESCHOOL



5.05 Travel and Transport

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Aim

Safety of children will be considered in the choice of route and mode of transport. Our service will follow all applicable NSW road rules as well as the Kids and Traffic best practice recommendations for transporting young children safely in buses. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury. Educators will ensure children obey road rules and cross roads at a crossing or lights where available. Educators will remain vigilant to ensure no child runs ahead or lags behind the group.

Strategies

Transporting children in buses

According to NSW law, the driver of a bus that seats more than 12 people is not required to make sure any passengers, even children, are in a seat belt or child car seat.

If the bus seats 12 people or less, including the driver, then children under 8 years old must be in an Australian Standard approved child car seat that is correct for their size and age. This includes:

- Rearward-facing restraint for children 0-6 months
- Rearward or forward-facing harness restraint for children 6-12 months to 4 years (height dependant)
- Forward-facing restraint or booster seat fastened by a lap sash seatbelt for children 4 years up to 8 years (height dependant).

Only educator who are trained in fitting child car seats may install car seats. Families may install child care seats for their own child at their own discretion and responsibility. Kidsafe NSW offers a child car restraint course that provides the knowledge and skills to select, adjust and install suitable child car restraints for transporting children. This course (Unit RSCICR301A: Provide information and advice on correct child car restraint use) is tailor made for those transporting children on a regular basis, including child care workers, family day care workers and intervention support staff. This course forms part of the nationally recognised 52778WA Course in Type 1 child car restraint fitting.

Kidsafe NSW can provide in-house training for your organisation as part of your professional development program for staff. If you would like to discuss training options please contact Kidsafe NSW on (02) 9845 0892 or email: SCHN-KIDSAFE@health.nsw.gov.au

Relevant Legislation

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
National Quality Standards 2010

**Resources &
References**

Education and Care National Regulations 2009.
 The National Quality Standard (2010).
 Being, Belonging and Becoming: The Early Years Framework for Australia (2009).
 Early Childhood Australia's Code of Ethics
 Kidsafe NSW www.kidsafensw.org.au Accessed 1 Nov. 2011
 Kids and Traffic www.kidsandtraffic.mq.edu.au Accessed 1 Nov. 2011

**Relevant
Documentation**

This policy is displayed in the Preschool and will be provided as part of Bermagui Preschool Induction Procedure.

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