

A summary of seatbelt law

	Front seat	Rear seat	Who is responsible
Driver	Seatbelt must be worn if fitted		Driver
Child under 3 years of age	Correct child restraint must be used	Correct child restraint must be used. If one is not available in a taxi, may travel unrestrained	Driver
Child from 3rd birthday up to 135cm in height (approx 4ft 5in) (or 12th birthday, whichever they reach first)	Correct child restraint must be used	Correct child restraint must be used where seatbelts fitted. Must use adult belt in rear seat if correct child restraint not available except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in a taxi; or • for a short distance in an unexpected necessity; or • if two occupied child restraints prevent fitting of a third 	Driver
Child 12 or 13, or over 135cm (approx 4ft 5in) in height	Adult seat belt must be worn if available	Adult seatbelt must be worn if available	Driver
Adult passengers	Seat belt must be worn if available	Seatbelt must be worn if available	Passenger

Failure to wear a restraint where one is required carries a maximum penalty of £500 per person.

Source: Department for Transport