

# **Seatbelt laws for taxis and private hire cars**

## **Taxis and private hire cars - Children under 3 years old**

If carried in the front seat, an appropriate child restraint **MUST** be used (the adult seat belt is not sufficient).

If carried in the rear seat, an appropriate child restraint **MUST** be used, **IF AVAILABLE**.

If an appropriate restraint is fitted in the front of the car, but not the rear, children under 3 years old **MUST** sit in the front and use that restraint. (Remember, you could move the restraint from the front to the rear if you wish, and you should do this if you are using a rearward-facing baby seat and there is a passenger airbag fitted).

## **Taxis and private hire cars - Children Aged 3 to 11 years and under 1.35 metres tall**

If carried in the front seat, an appropriate child restraint **MUST** be worn **IF AVAILABLE**. If not, an adult seat belt **MUST** be worn.

If carried in the rear seat, an appropriate child restraint **MUST** be worn **IF AVAILABLE**. If not, an adult seat belt **MUST** be worn **IF AVAILABLE**.

If an appropriate restraint or seat belt is fitted in the front of the car, but not in the rear, children between 3 to 11 years old and under 1.35 metres tall **MUST** use that restraint or seat belt. (Remember, you could move the restraint from the front to the rear if you wish).

## **Taxis and private hire cars - Children Aged 12 or 13 years or younger children 1.35 metres or more in height**

If carried in the front or rear seat, an adult seat belt **MUST** be worn **IF AVAILABLE**.

## **Taxis and private hire cars - Passengers Over 14 years old**

If carried in the front or rear seat, an adult seat belt **MUST** be worn **IF AVAILABLE**.