

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM IN CARS



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Law on mandatory use of child safety devices



a) There should be provisions in the law on mandatory use of child safety devices when travelling by car



g) Supplement fine levels in the Decree, with a fine of at least 3,000,000 - 4,000,000 VND for private car drivers who do not use CRS in cars to ensure that the compliance costs are lower than 2-3 times the cost of non-compliance.

h) Allow enforcement forces to have the right to stop the vehicle when detecting acts of not using CRS in the car (main fault) and impose penalties for detected violations in accordance with the law.

i) Supplement the right to refuse to carry children if without CRS in cars, except for some special cases such as: children having accidents, children having difficulties...., responsibilities of the driver when transporting children without CRS according to regulations (fines, stripping driving license, etc.); responsibilities of caregivers when transporting children by car

b) This recommendation only applies to private cars
c) CRS in cars includes: Infant-only restraint (for children under 2 years old, in the form of a rearward-facing cradle); small child seat (generally for children aged 2-6 years); and booster seat (for children aged 6-12 years).
d) Children under 150 cm height and under 12 years old are not allowed to sit in the front seats, except for cars with 1 row of front seats.

e) It is regulated that the types of CRS must comply with Vietnamese Standards (need to develop) or international standards such as R44/R129 (i-size).

f) Supplementing regulations with vehicles: Private cars must have common designs (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children - LATCH: ISOFIX) for installation using child safety equipment and issue specific instructions.



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2. Promotional communication

Strengthen communication to raise awareness of parents, drivers, and car dealers about the importance of CRS



3. Encourage domestic manufacturers



Encourage domestic manufacturers to research, produce and trade in suitable CRSs with reasonable prices and quality assurance according to standards.

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