

MEDIA RELEASE



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Calling new child car restraint fitters in the Great Southern

Would your organisation like to offer an additional service which can improve the safety of local children travelling in cars?

The WALGA RoadWise Program is running a Type 1 Child Car Restraint course which provides participants with the knowledge and skills to check and fit child restraints in vehicles and to be part of a state-wide network of qualified fitters.

WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell said the course provided local businesses and community organisations with an opportunity to expand their already valued services as well as improve the safety of local children.

“We know how important it is to use a child car restraint, but many parents may be unsure if their restraint is fitted correctly or is the right one for their child,” Cr Mitchell said.

“It is a huge boost to the community to have trained, local people available to check restraints, particularly with the impending changes to the child car restraints legislation.”

The child car restraint course covers both theory and practice so participants can conduct their own checking and fitting stations for clients and community.

Local people interested in participating should register for the next course to be run at the Shire of Denmark on Tuesday, 16 March followed by a free checking station for the community on 17 March.

As a Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitter you will be able to correctly fit child car restraints and give advice and consumer information regarding different types of child car restraints and their suitability for use according to a child's size and weight.

Once trained, the fitting service can be offered to clients or people in your community, either on a voluntary or on a fee for service basis.

To register for this free course, complete a registration form which can be obtained by contacting Regional Road Safety Officer Kendra Green on 9892 1145 or roadwisegs@westnet.com.au by 2 March 2010.

To find out more about child car restraints visit www.childcarrestraints.com.au.

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