



## Second-hand child restraint checklist

If you are buying or borrowing a second-hand child restraint, NZTA suggest you consider the following:

- Ask a child restraint technician to check the restraint.**

This is the safest option. Find a child restraint technician at [www.nzta.govt.nz/child-restraint-technicians](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/child-restraint-technicians)
- Check the restraint for its manufacture and/or expiry date.**

Don't use a child restraint in Aotearoa if it's expiry date has passed. If you can't find an expiry or 'do not use after' date on the restraint, and it's more than 10 years old, you shouldn't buy or use it.
- Check the restraint for its standard mark.**

Don't use a child restraint in Aotearoa if it doesn't display one of the approved standard marks.
- Ask for the user manual that goes with the restraint.**

If a manual isn't offered with the restraint, check online or contact the manufacturer for information about the model before you buy it.
- Make sure all parts of the restraint are in good order.**
  - If they're damaged or worn out, they won't be safe, and won't protect your tamariki in a crash as well as they should.
  - Confirm the restraint has never been in a vehicle crash of any type. If it has been in a crash of any type, discard it.
  - Remove all covers and padding to check the frame is free of any marks or discoloured plastic that might show the frame has been under stress or might be weakened.
  - Check all straps and buckles to make sure they work correctly.
- Check the restraint will be suitable for your child and will fit into your vehicle.**