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Council Directive 91/671/EEC on Safety Belts



Safety belts - SCOPE

- Mandatory use from January 1993 in seats, where fitted, for category M1 (private cars), M2 (minibuses $\leq 3,5$ tonnes) and N1 (light vans) vehicles.
- Not mandatory in rear seats of M2 and N1 vehicles.
- Total exemption for minibuses weighing more than 3,5 tonnes or with standing areas.
- Children under 12 and less than 150 cm tall must be restrained by an approved system suitable for the child's height and weight.



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AMENDMENT:
Council and EP Directive 2003/20/EC
(transposition deadline 9 May 2006)

- Mandatory use of seat belts, where provided, in **all** categories of vehicles (M1, M2, M3, N1, N2, N3).
- Children <150cm must use appropriate child restraints in passenger cars and utility vehicles (i.e. M1, N1, N2 and N3).



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- Children under 3 years of age may not be transported in M1, N1, N2 and N3 vehicles not fitted with safety systems.
- Children ≥ 3 years and < 150 cm not in front seat.
- Use of rearward facing child restraints prohibited unless front airbag has been disabled.



Safety belts - EXEMPTIONS

- Member States may allow children aged $> 135\text{cm}$ to be restrained by a safety belt for adults.
- Adults can be exempted for medical reasons.

Medical certificate , which is also valid in other Member States, from a competent authority required.



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Safety belts - EXEMPTIONS

- With the agreement of the Commission, Member States may also determine other exemptions (e.g. police, emergency services, taxi drivers, ...).