

CHILD SEATS IN CARS

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Article 55 of the PT Road Code' reads:

1 - Children under 12 years of age carried in cars equipped with seat belts, provided they are less than 135 cm in height, shall be secured by an approved restraint system adapted to their size and weight.

2 - The transportation of the children referred to in the previous number shall be carried out in the rear seat, except in the following situations:

(a) if the child is under 3 years of age and transported using a rearward-facing restraint system, in which case the front airbag in place of the passenger shall not be activated;

(b) if the child is 3 years of age or older and the car does not have seat belts in the rear seat, or does not have this seat.

3 - In cars that are not equipped with seat belts, the transport of children under 3 years old is prohibited.

4 - Children with disabilities who have severe conditions of neuromotor, metabolic, degenerative, congenital or other origin may be transported without observing the provisions of the final part of paragraph 1, provided that seats, chairs or other restraint systems are account their specific needs and are prescribed by a doctor.

5 - In cars intended for the public transport of passengers, children may be carried without observing the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, provided that they are not in the front seats.

6 - Any person who infringes the provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall be sanctioned with a fine of (euro) 120 to (euro) 600 for each child transported improperly.