

Cityside Baptist Church Children and Youth Transportation Policy

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Purpose

To ensure safe transportation of children and youth to and from Cityside events where the use of private vehicles is required as part of the event.

Guidelines

1. This policy covers times when the use of private vehicles is an organised part of a Cityside event. Parents and caregivers are responsible for making their own transport arrangements and safety checks when informally sharing transport with other families.
2. For any trip involving travel, the parents/caregivers must be informed beforehand about the travel arrangements and their consent obtained. This consent could be obtained via email or when signing in their children/youth to the event, or verbally on pick up.
3. Any driver must be at least 20 years old and have their full NZ drivers' license before transporting children or youth. The organising leader is responsible for checking this.
4. Drivers must ensure that their vehicle is registered, road-worthy and has a current Warrant of Fitness. The organising leader is responsible for checking in with the driver about this.
5. Drivers must take care to drive within legal limits of speed and obey the road rules. Drivers are asked not to drink alcohol before being an official driver at a Cityside event.
6. Vehicles must at least be insured for third-party cover. Any driver of a vehicle must accept full responsibility for any accident or incident and pay the required insurance excess and/or other costs involved.
7. Each person in the car must wear a seatbelt or be in a child restraint appropriate to their age. The law states that the number of seatbelts dictates how many passengers can be carried. Where possible, it is preferred for safety reasons that three-point seat belts are used rather than lap belts.
8. Children must be correctly secured in an approved child restraint up until their seventh birthday. From their seventh to their eighth birthday, children must be correctly secured in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle, and if not, in any child restraint or safety belt that is available. Parents will be asked to provide a booster seat or appropriate approved child restraint for their child if one is needed.
9. As a general guideline, children aged 12 and under should be in the back seat if possible.