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## FREE CHILD RESTRAINT CHECKING DAY - BOOK NOW

The City of Ryde will hold a free Child Restraint Checking Day in response to requests from residents following recent changes to legislation regarding child restraints.

The checking day will be held on Thursday 15 July from 10.00am – 1.00pm at the Argyle Centre Car Park, Corner Argyle Avenue and Blaxland Road, Ryde.

An RTA Authorised Restraint Fitter will be on site to inspect your child's car restraints.

City of Ryde Road and Community Safety Project Officer, Chris Hellmundt stressed the importance of having correctly fitted child restraints. "Children are vulnerable car passengers and require special protection.

"Correctly fitting child restraints for your child's age and size is especially important now that the law has changed", he added.

Since 1 March 2010, new legislation requires that:

- children up to the age of seven years must be correctly restrained in an approved child restraint, suitable for their age and size
- younger than six months rearward facing child restraints must be used
- between six months and four years either rear or forward facing child restraints must be used
- between four and seven years forward facing child restraints or booster seats must be used in vehicles with two or more rows of seats.

Bookings are essential so contact City of Ryde Customer Service on 9952 8222.

Photo Attached: Young mum Claire Czornij with daughter Lily (19 months) have book in for the free RTA checking day to ensure that Lily's seat is fitted correctly.

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