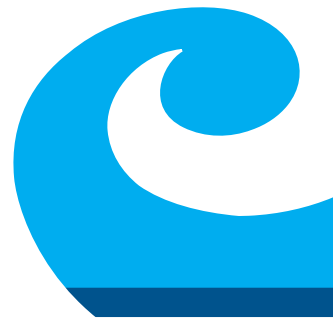




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# Prams and Strollers

**Babies and small children spend a lot of time in prams and strollers.**

**Make sure you buy a safe product and use it safely.**

## Remember

- The safest child is a supervised child.
- A pram is for getting about with your baby. For a sleeping child a cot or bassinet is best.

## Buying a pram or stroller

Babies and small children spend a lot of time in prams and strollers. Make sure you make the best choice.

### **Check that:**

- the pram or stroller meets a standard – the most common is AS/NZS 2088:2000
- there are two locking devices to prevent folding
- the brakes work properly
- instructions are included and you follow them
- the harness provided will firmly restrain your child – a five point harness is best
- there are no sharp edges or open tubes
- removable pieces can be fastened securely
- fabric and linings fit snugly and do not contain gaps or hidden pockets that baby can get trapped in.

## Do's and Don'ts

### **Do**

- ✓ Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- ✓ Properly secure all fastenings after washing fabric or after changing seat position.
- ✓ Check that the brakes work well and that they are on when pram is not moving.
- ✓ Make sure both locking devices (which prevent the pram folding) are in place before putting your child in the pram – there should always be at least two locking devices.
- ✓ Make sure the harness straps fit firmly.
- ✓ Make sure you use the harness all the time.

### **Do not**

- ✗ Do not hang shopping over handles – this makes the pram unstable and it could tip over.
- ✗ Do not leave fastenings undone while pram is in use – you may have created a gap that your child could fall through or get stuck in.
- ✗ Do not allow your child to climb into the stroller unassisted, or play on it – it could tip over.
- ✗ Do not use a pram on stairs or escalators – use lifts whenever possible.

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