



Child restraint use in South Africa: interviews with local experts

In-depth interviews

Macro level (e.g. policy makers in health and transport).

Theme of investigation	Questions
Road Safety in Cape Town, South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think road traffic collisions, injuries and deaths among children are a problem in Cape Town? How are children transported in the city? [Probe: is this the same for all socioeconomic groups in the city?] How do you think we can decrease the incidence of road traffic injuries among children?
Child restraints as an intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think child restraints keep children safe in vehicles? Should all children in a vehicle be restrained? [Probe: what about if there are more than three children in a car. What do you think the parent should do?] Do you think that getting children into child restraints will make a big difference to the incidence of child road traffic injuries and deaths? Do you think there are missing elements in the amendment to the National Road Traffic Act passed in October 2014? [Probe: the amendment only covers children up to the age of 3 years to wear child restraints. Please comment.] How old do you think children should be before they sit in the front seat of a vehicle using an adult seat-belt?
Barriers and facilitators to using child restraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do you think child restraints are not being used (despite the new law)? Do you know how much (on average) a SABS approved child restraint costs? Are there any non-SABS approved child restraints being sold in Cape Town? What do you think would increase the uptake of child restraints? [Probe: would a borrowing scheme or a give away scheme increase utilization? Comment] Do you think that parents require more education about the benefits of using a child restraint? Do you think the private sector has a role to play in child road safety?

	[Probe: If yes, should they be approached to subsidize or donate child restraints?]
Futuristic interventions for road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In your opinion, which other interventions would potentially be successful in reducing child road traffic injuries in the city? [Probe: Do you think targeting interventions directly for children will prove to be beneficial or should road safety in general be improved] • What other policies are needed to keep Cape Town's children safe on the roads? • Do you have any further suggestions?
Meso level (e.g. health care workers, road safety practitioners, researchers).	
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Road Safety in Cape Town, South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think road traffic collisions, injuries and deaths among children are a problem in Cape Town? • How are children transported? [Probe: is this the same for all socioeconomic groups in the city?] • How do you think we can decrease the incidence of road traffic injuries among children?
Child restraints as an intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think that child restraints will save children's lives? • [Probe: what kind of injuries do you think that child restraints will prevent?] • Do you think that child restraints will increase any specific type of injury? • How old do you think children should be before they sit in the front seat of a vehicle using an adult seat-belt? • Should all children in a vehicle be restrained? • [Probe: what about if there are more than three children in a car. What do you think the parent should do?] • Do you think that getting children into child restraints will make a big difference to the incidence of child road traffic injuries and deaths? • Do you think that health workers have a role to play in primary prevention? • [Probe: in some countries doctors and nurses provide brief interventions to parents who bring children in with an injury. Do you think this would be feasible in busy Cape Town health facilities?] •

Barriers and facilitators to using child restraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you think child restraints are not being used? • Do you know how much a SABS approved child restraint costs? • Are there any non-SABS approved child restraints being sold in Cape Town? • Do you think that parents require more education about the benefits of using a child restraint? • What other barriers are there to not using child restraints? • Do you think that providing child restraints (either when a mother leaves the maternity centre or at a well-baby clinic) would increase awareness about their usefulness and lead to an increased uptake of their use? • What else do you think could facilitate the uptake of child restraints?
Futuristic interventions for road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In your opinion, which other interventions would potentially be successful in reducing child road traffic injuries in the city? • [Probe: Do you think targeting interventions directly for children will prove to be beneficial or should road safety in general be improved] • Do you have any further suggestions?