

Teddy takes a tumble



Guidance notes for Parents/Carers/Teachers

When reading we suggest that the child can give the Teddy a name (this can be the name of their favourite toy) this will help your child to better understand the importance of the message to keep safe in the car.

Older children may be able to discuss the implications of Teddy being a friend or family member and how this could affect others.

You may want to talk about why it is not safe to carry more passengers than the number of seatbelts in your car.

Our aim in writing this story is to try to reduce the likelihood of injury to children, by encouraging the use of child restraints and seatbelts.

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**Billy always took his teddy everywhere.
Every time they went in the car
Billy strapped teddy in with a seatbelt**

Today, Billy wanted all his toys to go shopping with him, but Mummy said
“ No, we haven’t got enough seatbelts for all of them to wear, so just bring teddy,”

Billy was upset and didn’t strap teddy in, instead he flung him on the back seat.





SAMPLE

They set off on their journey to the shops. It wasn't a long way to drive.

When they got to the top of Billy's road a ginger and white cat ran in front of the car.

Billy's mum had to brake sharply.

All of a sudden, teddy flew through the air and banged his head on the windscreen. He fell down onto the floor.

“Teddy, my teddy”, Billy cried.

“Mummy, Mummy, get teddy for me”, he said. Mummy carried on driving and said to Billy “I can’t pass teddy, I’m driving”.

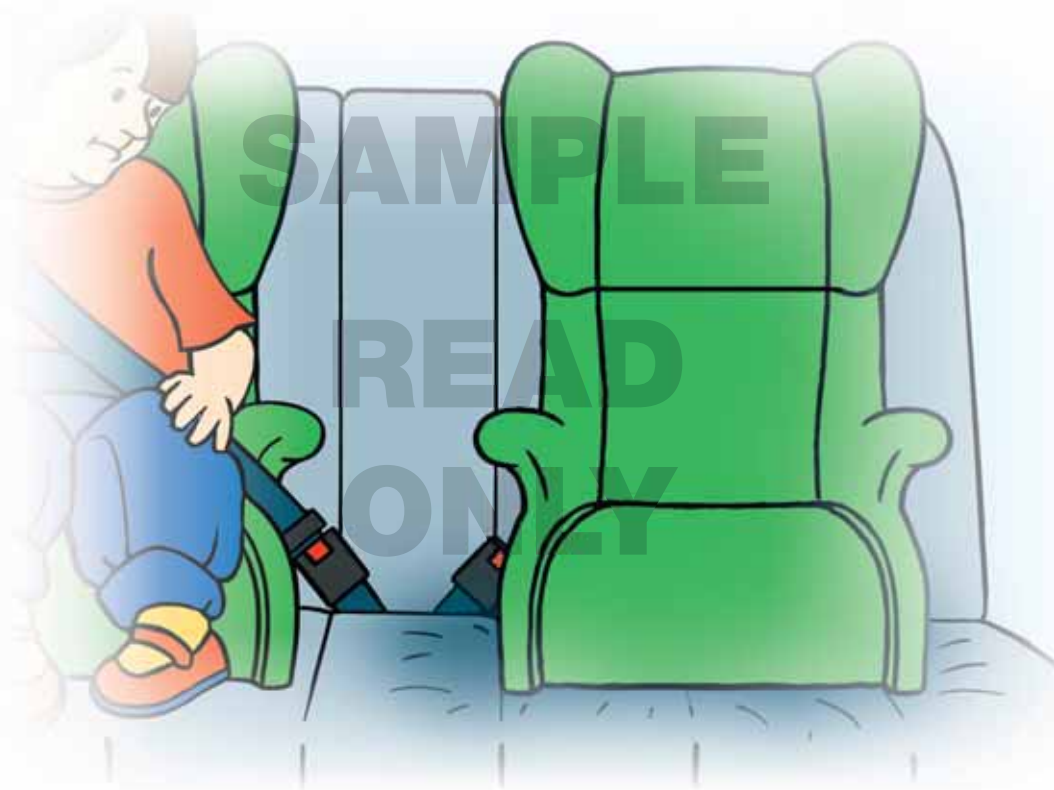




**Poor teddy lay on the floor
in the dark, feeling very frightened
and his head was sore.**

**“Mummy was right,” thought teddy
“ what would have happened if all the
toys had come as well?”**

Billy was lonely in the back of
the car without teddy.
He really wished he had put teddy's
seatbelt on like he usually did.





When mummy stopped the car, Billy picked up teddy and hugged him closely. He whispered to teddy, "I'll always put your seatbelt on from now on".

I'm a little
belter!





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Colour me in and give me a name.

My name is

