

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ONE TO FIVE STARS FOR CHILD CAR SEATS**

New child car seat ratings have been released by the NSW Government, along with the NRMA, to help parents choose the safest seat for their child.

Whilst all seats tested comply with Australian Standards, there is a vast difference in the quality of protection they offer.

Thirteen child car seats were tested through the Child Restraint Evaluation Program (CREP) to measure their crash protection performance and ease-of-correct-use. Seats are awarded a star rating of one to five, with five being the safest.

#### **KEY POINTS:**

- Three simulated crash tests: the frontal impact, side impact and the oblique impact test.
- Six seats received one-star for protection including;
- One-star seats: Maxi- Cosi Citi (rear facing) Max- Cosi Luna (forward facing) Babylove Cosmic 11 (forward facing) Infa-Secure Luxi 11 (forward facing) Infa Secure Grandeur Treo (forward facing)
- Nuna Klik (rear facing) scored a maximum of five stars for protection
- Safe-N-Sound Kid Guar Pro scored 4-stars for both protection and ease-of-use

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said the new star ratings will help to remove confusion for parents.

“Every parent wants the best for their kids. This new star system will make that decision straight forward,” Ms Pavey said.

NRMA Road Safety Expert Dimitra Vlahomitros said a concern was ensuring the seats were installed and used correctly.

“These ratings should help improve the quality of seats for sale by encouraging manufacturers to work on raising the safety and ease-of-use rating of their products to five stars,” Ms Vlahomitros said.

Ratings and restraint fitting stations across NSW can be found at [www.childcarseats.com.au](http://www.childcarseats.com.au).

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