

Sunita's Story

My name is Sunita and I am 9. I always go to school by car. Mum has just picked me up from school.

I always use a special seat in the car, Mum and Dad say it is to make me safer.

Dad said that if I didn't use the booster seat, the seat belt strap would press against my neck. I tried it and he's right. He said that the seat belt would not hold me and keep me safe if we had an accident. We haven't tried that.

I always use the booster seat because I can see more from the windows, and I like being safer.



Mum has to wait for a space in the traffic, so we don't move off straight away.

I hear shouting and laughing and, Kev, one of the boys that I don't like very much, is looking in the car window.

He calls me a baby because I use my booster seat, and the other children around him laugh.

I thought they were my friends but they are all laughing at me.

Why do you think Sunita's friends were laughing and how do you think she feels ?

Some of my friends don't use a car seat, even though they should.

Why do you think some of Sunita's friends don't use a car safety seat ?

Mum says "Take no notice of what that boy said, Sunita. There is a law that children under 12 years must use a child safety seat in the car unless they are over 135cm tall. If we were to have an accident you would be safer because you are in a child safety seat".

Why should you use your seatbelt ?

What do you think Sunita might say to her friends when she sees them ?
