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I want to travel with my infant and I would like to be able to use my infant's car seat. What should I be aware of?

First of all, although a child who has not reached their second birthday may be held in an adult's arms, Transport Canada highly recommends the use of an approved child restraint for all phases of flight. The use of a child restraint system provides the greatest degree of protection for the infant or child and its use during flight will help in case of unanticipated turbulence. By using the child restraint on the aircraft, it will also ensure that you will have it available for use in the car at your destination.

An approved child restraint system is one that meets the *Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (CMVSS) 213 or 213.1*. A statement of compliance label must be affixed to the restraint system indicating compliance with CMVSS 213 or 213.1 to be accepted for use on board the aircraft.

A new child restraint device designed for use on board aircraft has also recently been approved for acceptance in Canada. The AmSafe CARES device is specifically designed for children ages 1 to 4 and weighing between 10-20 kg (22-44 pounds) and whose height is 100 cm (40 inches) or less. It uses the existing aircraft passenger safety belt, and holds the upper torso of the child against the aircraft seatback.

Transport Canada now permits the use of the CARES device on Canadian aircraft through a global exemption. Air operators must meet the conditions of the exemption prior to permitting the use of this device on board their aircraft. Transport Canada recommends that the CARES device be used within the limitations specified by the manufacturer on the device.

The following link will provide you with additional information regarding child restraint systems: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/CivilAviation/commerce/circulars/AC0177.htm>.

Should you decide to use your child restraint system, it would be a good idea to contact your airline for their specific policies.