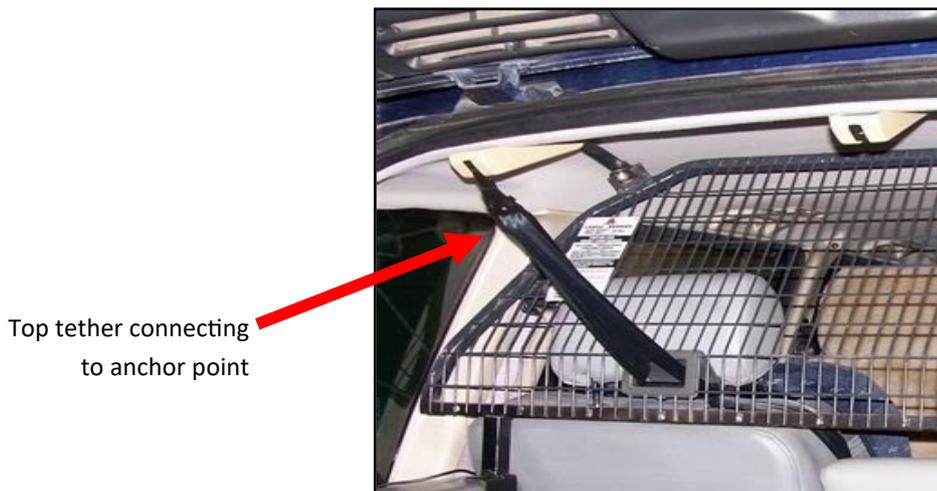


## CARGO BARRIERS AND RESTRAINT STRAPS

A lot of our clients are using either child or disability restraints which have some form of “**Top Tether**” strap that will pass over the top and back of the seat and connect to some form of “**Anchor Point**”.

In many wagon, 4WD and Hatchback type vehicles, you will find that a cargo barrier is installed right behind the back seat and the top tether strap from the restraint will need to pass through the cargo barrier in order to connect to the anchor point or anchor hook, similar the photo below:



You should **NEVER** force the top tether or any strap through the normal small openings of the cargo barrier and a wide opening should be created with a rubber or plastic coating around the inside of the opening in order to provide a smooth path for the strap to follow and cause no damage to the strap.

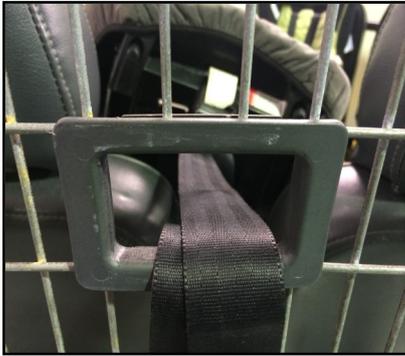
If the strap does not have this smooth path, then the vibrations of a car will wear through the strap very quickly. We have seen straps that are forced through cargo barriers fray and deteriorate in less than 3 months. A small fray or cut in your strap means it is potentially dangerous and cannot be used. In most cases, the individual straps cannot be replaced or repaired, meaning that you will have to dispose of your child or disability restraint and purchase a new one.

We have provided some images of what **TO DO** and what **NOT TO DO** on the next page for further guidance.

Please be **CAREFUL** with the top tether straps on all restraints and ensure they are not passing over anything that can potentially cause damage. If you have any questions about it, or need clarification on how to correctly use the straps, contact us.

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## DO's



## DONT's



EXAMPLE OF A FRAYED STRAP FROM A CARGO BARRIER THAT **CANNOT** BE USED

