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Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a restrained dominating set if every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $S$  and to a vertex in  $V - S$ . The restrained domination number of  $G$ , denoted  $\gamma_r(G)$ , is the smallest cardinality of a restrained dominating set of  $G$ . We will show that if  $G$  is a connected graph of order  $n$  and minimum degree  $\delta$  and not isomorphic to one of nine exceptional graphs, then  $\gamma_r(G) \leq \frac{n - \delta + 1}{2}$ . (Received September 02, 2008)