

Top Booster Seat Tips

- Use a booster seat with the vehicle lap AND shoulder safety belts until your child passes the Safety Belt Fit Test.
- Vehicle seat belts are designed to fit an average-sized adult. To get the best protection from a seat belt, children usually need a booster until they are about 4 feet 9 inches tall and weigh between 80 and 100 pounds. Many children will be between 8 and 12 years of age before they meet these height and weight requirements.
- Use a booster seat correctly in a back seat every time your child rides in a car.
- Older kids get weighed and measured less often than babies, so check your child's growth a few times a year. Generally, kids need to use a booster until they are about 4 feet 9 inches tall and weigh between 80 and 100 pounds.
- Booster seats are not installed the same way car seats are. Booster seats sit on the vehicle seat and are used to properly position the adult seat belt for an older child.
- A booster seat uses no harness. It uses the vehicle's lap AND shoulder belts only. Be sure the seat belt is properly buckled.
- Never place the shoulder belt under the child's arm or behind the child's back.
- Be sure all occupants wear safety belts correctly every time. Children learn from adult role models.
- Tell all drivers who transport your big kid that booster seat use is a must when your child is in their vehicles.
- Treat seat belts as you would any cord or rope. Do not allow children to play with them at any time.



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