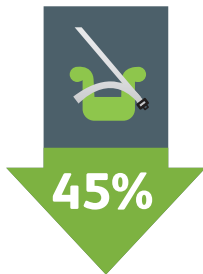


# BOOSTER SEAT SAFETY TIPS

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Children seated in a booster seat in a back seat of the car are 45% less likely to be injured in a crash than children using a seat belt alone.**

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On average, 359 children ages 4 to 10 years die as occupants in motor vehicle collisions every year, at least half of which are unrestrained.

**GENERALLY, KIDS NEED TO USE A BOOSTER UNTIL THEY ARE BETWEEN 8 - 12 YEARS OLD.**

## TIPS FOR PARENTS

- When your child is seated in the booster seat, make sure the lap and shoulder seat belt fit. The lap belt should fit low across the hips and the shoulder belt across the shoulder.
- Do not place the shoulder belt under the child's arm or behind the child's back.
- 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 between 8 – 12 years old.
- Talk with the drivers who transport your big kids so they understand that booster seat use is a must when your child is in their vehicles.
- Use a booster seat with the vehicle lap *and* shoulder seat belt until your child passes the following Seat Belt Fit Test:
  - Your children's knees should bend at the edge of the vehicle seat when their backs and bottoms are against the vehicle seat back; and
  - The vehicle lap belt should fit across the upper thighs; and
  - The shoulder belt should fit across the shoulder and chest. Children are usually between 8 – 12 years old when the seat belt fits them properly.

