

# BOOSTER SEAT SAFETY

## WHEN TO USE:

- Children should not be moved into a booster seat until they are at least 4 years old and exceed the height and weight limit for their forward-facing seat. Many forward-facing seats with harnesses can go up to 65 pounds or more.

## PROPER FIT:

- Use both the lap belt and the shoulder belt with the booster seat.
- The lap belt should fit low and tight across the hips. The shoulder belt should fit snug across the shoulders, and not be placed under the child's arm or behind the child's back.
- If you can't get the seatbelt to sit properly, your child may not be ready for a booster seat, and should be kept in a car seat.

## INSTALLING:

- Before installing, read the booster seat manual, as well as your car's owner manual, to find out how to use your car's seatbelts with a booster seat.
- Make sure the booster seat is in the back seat of the car. All children under the age of 13 should be in the back seat, away from the front seat air bags.

## SEATBELT-READY:

- Children should use a booster seat until they are about 4'9" tall and weigh at least 80 pounds.
- The seatbelt alone is safe to use when your child can meet ALL 3 of the following criteria:
  - Your children's knees bend at the edge of the seat when their backs and bottoms are against the back of the seat.
  - The lap belt fits low across the upper thighs.
  - The shoulder belt fits across the shoulder and chest, staying clear of the face and neck.

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