

ARE YOU BUCKLED IN YOUR **BOOSTER** AND READY FOR TAKEOFF?

You must be at least 4'9" to
ride without a booster in a vehicle.

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BOOSTER SEATS

are an important step between the time when a child has outgrown a harness seat and is ready to sit using a seat belt only. Booster seats raise the child so the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt fits over the strongest parts of the child's body.

Proper fit is key to safety



Use booster seats correctly:

- Always use the booster seat in the back seat of the car with a lap and shoulder belt.
- Always check the booster seat and vehicle owner's manual for the correct way to install and use.
- Never use a lap-only seat belt with a booster seat.
- Even when the seat is not in use, it should be belted in at all times.
- Your child should be able to sit up for the entire trip to make sure the booster and seat belt are protecting them correctly.
- The shoulder belt should never be put behind the child's back or under their arm.

What comes next?

A child can ride without a booster only after they can safely pass all five steps:

1. Their back is flat against the vehicle seat.
2. Their knees bend at the edge of the seat.
3. Their lap belt lies flat across the top of thighs.
4. The shoulder belt crosses between the neck and shoulder.
5. The child can sit straight without slouching.

Most kids are 10-12 years old before they pass and can ride in the back seat with a seat belt only.



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