

Does Your Child Need to Use a Booster Seat?



Once your child has reached the weight limit of his or her forward facing seat, (usually 18kg or 40lbs) check the way your child fits the seat belt while sitting with his or her back straight against the vehicle seat.

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Does the shoulder belt (if available) go over your child's collar bone and the middle of the chest without touching the neck?

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Does the lap belt lie low over your child's hip bones, touching the thighs?

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Do your child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the vehicle seat?



If the answer to any of these questions is no, then your child needs to use a booster seat.



Choosing a Booster Seat♦♦♦

The type of booster seat that will be best for your child depends on whether there is a lap and shoulder belt or lap-only belt in your vehicle. Children are always safer in the back seat of the vehicle.

LAP AND SHOULDER BELT

There are two booster options with this type of seatbelt. They both must be used with a lap and shoulder belt, and never a lap-only belt.

Armrest Booster: a backless booster with two armrests.



Highback Booster: provides additional head and neck support. Ideal for vehicles with low vehicle seat backs.



LAP-ONLY BELTS

Shield Booster: the only option for a vehicle that has lap-only belts in the rear seating positions. It is a plastic seat with a padded abdominal shield. Only use this seat if the lap and shoulder seat belt combination is not available.



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