

# Does Your Child Need a Booster Seat?

Children who have outgrown their forward-facing seat (usually around age 4 & 40 lbs.) should ride in booster seats until 4'9" tall.



## Take The 5-Step Test

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat to make both the shoulder belt and the lap belt fit right for the best crash protection. Your child will be more comfortable, too!

**The back seat is the safest part of the car for all passengers.** Recent research shows that children should ride in the back seat until they reach age 15.

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