

AgriLIFE EXTENSION

Texas A&M System



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The Law

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Best Practice

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Follow the 4 STEPS



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Step 3 - BOOSTER SEATS in the back seat from about age 4 to at least age 8, unless 4'9" tall.

Step 4 - SAFETY BELTS at age 8 and older or taller than 4'9". All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

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