

Booster Seat Safety

Boost Your Knowledge!

- Children 12 and under should always ride in the back seat.
- Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an airbag.
- Do not place a shoulder belt behind the back or under the arm.
- Set a good example and show your kids that buckling up is the safe thing to do.
- Reduce clutter. Any object in a vehicle can become a projectile in a crash. Use a trunk or cargo area to properly store loose items.
- Make an appointment with your local fire or police department to have your booster or car seat checked.



Booster seats put children in the proper position to safely use adult safety belts, and are required by law until children are 8 years old or over 4'9" tall.



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Choose the Right Seat

Use this chart as a general guide to the safety seat that is best for your child.

	WEIGHT/ HEIGHT	SEAT TYPE
INFANTS Birth to one year	20-22 lbs. or maximum weight limit of seat	Infant seat or rear- facing convertible
TODDLERS 1 to 4 years	20-40 lbs. or maximum weight limit of seat	Convertible or forward-facing
YOUNG CHILDREN 5 to 7 years	41 lbs. or 57"	Belt positioning booster seat
CHILDREN 8 to 12 years	Taller than 57" and over 100 lbs	Seat belt in the back seat

Massachusetts law requires that children ages 8 through 12 must wear a properly fastened safety belt. A police officer can stop your vehicle if a child age 12 or under is not properly restrained.

WHEN IS A CHILD BIG ENOUGH TO WEAR AN ADULT SAFETY BELT?

- Tall enough to sit without slouching.
- Shoulder belt rests comfortably across the shoulder and chest, not the neck or throat.
- Lap belt fits securely, low and snug on hips.
- Knees completely bend over edge of seat.
- Feet are flat on the floor.