

# Boost your child's safety

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**Ages: 4**  
**Harness**



Harness Seat

Use the **harness seat** until they reach the upper weight or height limit of their seat.  
(This is usually over 5 years of age.)

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**Booster**



High-Backed Booster

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**Backless Booster**



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**Seat Belt**



Seat belt

Keep a child in a booster until they can pass the  
**“5-Step Seat Belt Test”**

## 5-Step Seat Belt Test

**1** Shoulder belt crosses between shoulder and neck

**2** Child's back is flat against vehicle seat

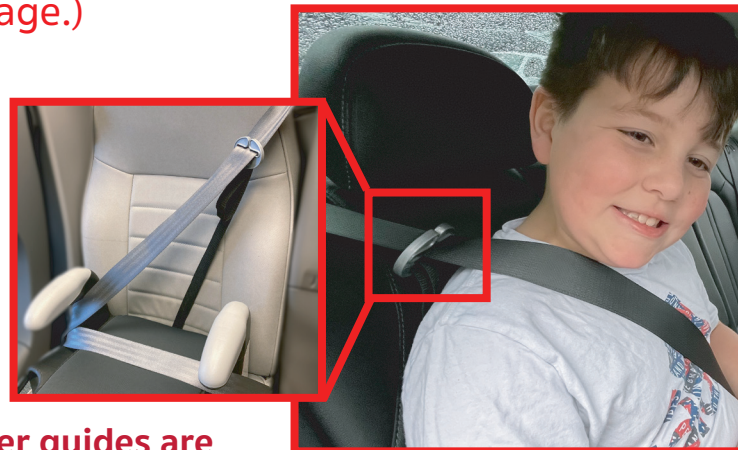
**3** Lap belt must cross hip bones (not over stomach)

**4** The knees bend at edge of seat

**5** The child must be able to sit in this position for the entire trip



**ZERO DEATHS**  
**MARYLAND**



Booster guides are designed to position the shoulder belt for safety and comfort.

**Maryland law** requires a child to use a car seat or booster until age 8, unless they are 4' 9" or taller.

**NOTE:** Most children do NOT fit a seat belt safely until they are 10-12 years old!



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For more information go to  
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