

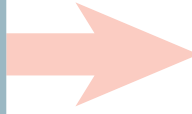
Boost your child's safety

Ages 4-10

From car seat to booster seat

PROPERLY

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Use the **harness car seat** until

- They reach the upper weight or height limit of their seat.

(This is usually when the child is over 5 years of age and at least 40 pounds.)

Types of booster seats:

- High-backed booster
- Backless booster



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

ZERO DEATHS
MARYLAND



The Maryland Institute for
Emergency Medical Services Systems



Boost your child's safety

Ages 8 and above

Transition from a booster seat to a seat belt



Booster



Seat Belt

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

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

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

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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



For more information go to
zerodeathsmd.gov/carseat
or email cps@miemss.org

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