

Child Passenger Safety

She's growing up fast,
but she still needs a booster seat.



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Children need to be restrained in booster seats until they are big enough to fit properly in an adult seat belt.

Adult lap and shoulder belts fit correctly when a child reaches 4 feet, 9 inches, and 80 to 100 pounds, usually between 8 and 12 years of age.

Use the harness system to the maximum weight allowed according to the child safety seat manufacturer's instructions. After your child exceeds the maximum weight of the harness, remove the harness and use the adult lap and shoulder belt.

Vehicle Seat Belts

Kids can ride in an adult lap and shoulder belt when:

1. they can sit all the way back against the vehicle seat
2. their knees bend comfortably over the seat's edge
3. the shoulder belt fits across the center of the chest and shoulder, across the collarbone
4. the lap belt fits low on the hips, touching the thighs
5. they can stay seated like this for the entire trip

General Information

- Continue to use a child safety seat with a harness until the child reaches the maximum height or weight of the seat.
- If your vehicle has only lap belts in the back seat, it is best to use a forward-facing child safety seat with higher weight limits so the child can use an internal harness.
- Regardless of the restraint system you use, it is important to read and follow the child safety seat manufacturer's instructions and vehicle owner's manual.
- Children 12 years of age and under should always ride in the back seat.
- Have your child safety seat checked for correct installation at a child safety seat inspection station.

Recommendations of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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