

# Does Your Child Need a **Booster Seat**?

Take this five-step test to find out.

1. Can your child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do your child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Does the shoulder belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
5. Can your child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered no to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat.

**These seats MUST be used with the lap AND shoulder belt, NEVER the lap belt only.**

- A booster seat helps the lap and shoulder belt fit correctly.

- The lap belt should fit across the top of the thighs, not on the stomach.

- The shoulder belt should cross the shoulder, not the neck or face.

## **Backless Booster Seat**

If your vehicle has a high seat back you can use a backless booster seat.



## **High Back Booster Seat**

If your vehicle has a low seat back and your child's ears are above it, you need a high back booster to protect his or her head.



**Michigan law requires that children up to age 4 must be properly buckled in a child safety seat while riding in a motor vehicle.**

# Child Passenger Safety Tips

*Take a minute to be sure  
your child is riding safely.*

- Study the vehicle owner's manual and booster seat instructions carefully.
- Mail the booster seat registration card to be notified if the seat is recalled.
- Replace a booster seat that has been in a crash.
- Look for a seat with a label stating it meets federal motor vehicle standards.
- Never boost a child with pillows, books or towels. These will not protect a child in a crash.
- The back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under.
- Set a good example—buckle up yourself and insist that everyone in the car buckles up—**no exceptions.**

**For more information or to locate a  
certified child safety seat technician visit  
[www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)**



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