

# Boosters Are for Big Kids

Did you know that most children need boosters from about age 4 to at least age 8?

If your child is **NOT** riding in a booster, take the  
**5-Step Test:**

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



If you answered **"no"** to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat to ride safely in the car. Booster seats reduce the injuries caused by lap-shoulder belts that do not fit right. Riding in a booster is more comfortable too!

The back seat is the safest place in the car for all passengers. Recent research shows that children should ride in the back seat until they reach age 15.



**Traffic crashes are the leading cause of accidental injury and death for children 4 to 8 years of age.**



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