Adults who buckle up send kids a life-saving message. Children copy adult behavior, so set a good example for children of all ages by buckling up and making

*Every Ride A Safe Ride.*

**No Back Belt Positioning Booster**

Belt-positioning booster seats are for children who have outgrown their forward-facing car seat. A *belt positioning booster* seat will protect your child until he/she is big enough for the vehicle seat belt to fit correctly. When a child is correctly seated in a belt positioning booster, the vehicle seat belts provide the same level of protection for the child as they do for adults.

*Belt-positioning booster seats are used until the lap and shoulder belt fit correctly, at approximately 4'9" in height and between 8 and 12 years of age.*

**Installing a booster seat**

- Read the car seat manufacturer’s instructions and your vehicle owner’s manual before installing the belt positioning booster seat.
- Ensure all children age 12 and under are properly buckled in a back seat of the vehicle.

*Belt positioning booster seats must be used with a lap and shoulder belt.*

**High Back Belt Positioning Booster**

Children should use the belt positioning booster seat until BOTH the vehicle seat and the lap and shoulder belt fit properly.

**Correct fit of the vehicle seat and the lap and shoulder belt includes:**

- When the child’s legs are long enough so the knees bend at the front edge of the seat;
- When the child sits with their back straight against the vehicle seat back cushion;
- When the vehicle lap belt fits low and snug on the hips;
- When the shoulder belt crosses the collar bone and center of the child’s chest; and
- When the child can stay seated like this for the entire trip.

**Correct Use of Seat Belt**

**REPLACE** your belt positioning booster seat if:

- the car seat has been involved in a crash, following manufacturer’s instructions.
- your child exceeds the recommended weight and height limits set by the manufacturer.
- the car seat is more than six years old, following manufacturer’s instructions.
- the car seat has been recalled and you have not made the necessary corrections.
Pennsylvania’s
"Law of Love"

All children from birth to age 4 must be secured in an approved car seat anywhere in the vehicle. Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of $75.00 plus court costs, EMS, MCARE and administrative fees.

All children age 4 and older, but under age 8 must be secured in a seat belt system and an appropriately fitting child booster seat anywhere in the vehicle. Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of $75.00 plus court costs, EMS, MCARE and administrative fees.

All children age 8 and older, but under age 18 must be secured in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle. Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of $10.00 plus EMS, MCARE and administrative fees.

All drivers are responsible for securing children in the appropriate restraint system.

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