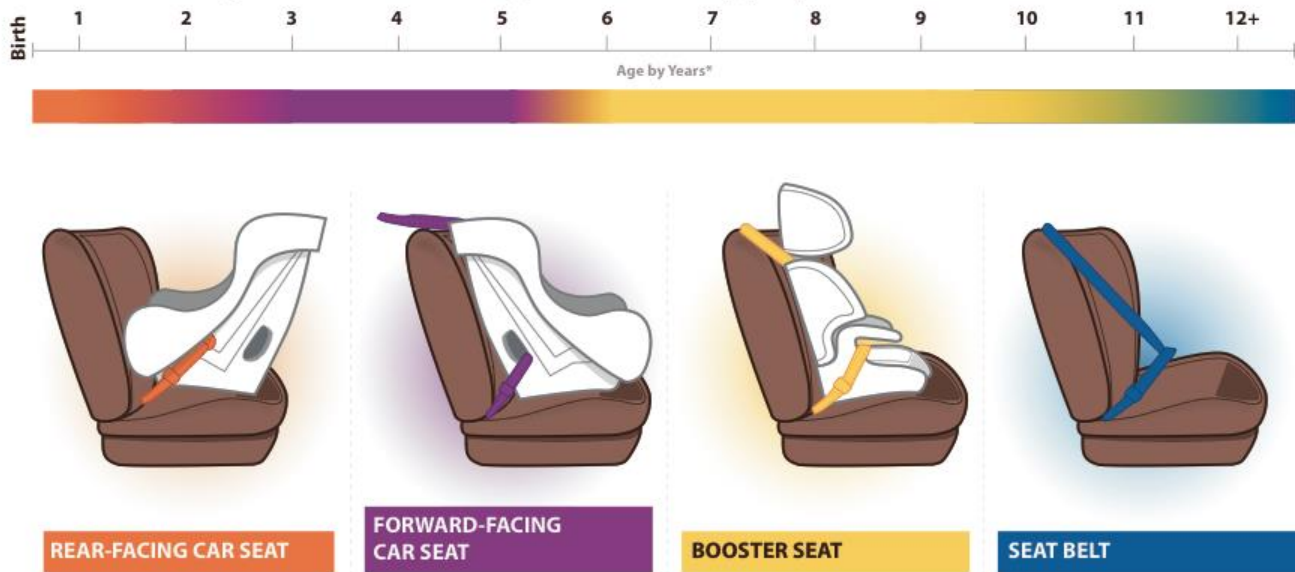




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Car Seat Safety for Kids: The Booster Seat

Using the correct car seat or booster seat can be a lifesaver: make sure your child is always buckled in an age- and size-appropriate car seat or booster seat.



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When do I advance to booster seat?

Booster seats are for older children who have outgrown their forward-facing car safety seats. Keep your children in forward-facing seats with a harness and tether until your child reaches the top height or weight limit by the car manufacturer.

Where does the booster seat go?

Keep the booster seat the back seat of the car because it is safer there. Keep kids in the back seat until age 12.

How should the booster seat fit?

Use the car's lap and shoulder belts with every booster seat. Be sure the safety belt is properly buckled, as the booster seat uses no harness. Make sure the lap belt rests on the upper legs or hips and shoulder belt rests on the shoulder or collarbone.

Child Safety Recommendations: American Academy of Pediatrics

Is my child ready to move from booster seat to safety belt?

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Is my child greater than 4'9" (14 cm) tall?
2. Is my child between 80-100 pounds (35-45 kg)?
3. Is my child between ages 8-12?
4. If I buckle the shoulder and lap belt, does the lap belt rest on the legs or hips (and not the stomach)? And does the shoulder belt rest on the shoulder and collarbone (not the face or neck)?

If the answer to **all** questions is **yes** then your child is ready to sit safely in the back seat with a safety belt.