

Booster seats – Under 9 years

Booster seats are for children:

- Over 18 kg (40 lb.).
- Until they are 9 years old unless they have reached the height of 145 cm (4'9") tall.

Children may remain in a forward-facing car seat with harness if allowed by manufacturer's weight limit.



Key points

- Children who have outgrown their forward-facing child seat must use a booster seat until they are 9 years old unless they have reached the height of 145 cm (4'9") tall.
- All drivers must ensure all children in their vehicle who are over 18 kg (40 lb.) use a booster seat until they reach the age/height specified above.
- Look for a label that says the booster seat complies with Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS).
- Seat belts are designed to fit adults.
- Without a booster seat, the incorrect positioning of the lap belt can cause spinal and/or internal injuries in a crash.
- If your child is over 18 kg (40 lb.), a booster seat will correctly position the vehicle seat belt over the child's shoulder, across the chest and hips, significantly reducing the risk of injury and/or death.
- You must keep your child in a booster seat until their 9th birthday unless they have reached the height of 145 cm (4'9") tall.



Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and read your vehicle owner's manual.

Different booster seat styles

High-back belt-positioning booster

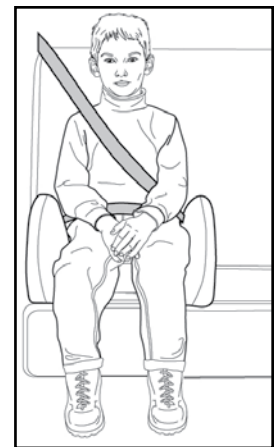
- Recommended for use when there is no vehicle head rest. Must be used with a shoulder and lap belt.

Backless belt-positioning booster

- Can be used when the seat backs are high and a head rest is present. Must be used with a shoulder and lap belt.

Child/booster seat (combination)

- Once your child reaches the upper weight limit for use with the harness, the harness is removed and the child seat is converted to a belt-positioning booster. When the harness is removed, the booster seat must be used with a lap and shoulder belt.



Infant/child/booster seat (3-In-One)

- Once your child reaches the upper weight limit for use with the harness, the harness and base are removed and the child seat is converted to a belt-positioning booster. When the harness is removed, the booster seat must be used with a lap and shoulder belt.

If there is no lap/shoulder belt, your child must be secured by a lap belt without a booster seat.

Installation checklist

I've read the manufacturer's instructions.

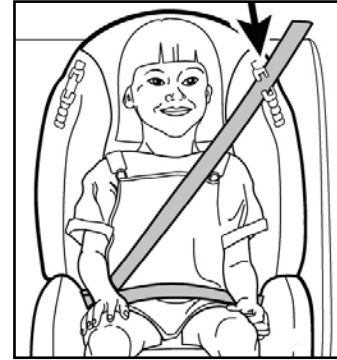
Booster seat faces the front of the vehicle.

Booster seat is flat on the vehicle seat.

Lap belt is snug across the hips (not the abdomen).

Shoulder belt is threaded through the belt positioner (if applicable) so that it lies across my child's shoulders and across the chest.

Booster seat is buckled in even when my child is not present.
(An unbuckled booster seat can injure others in a crash.)



Common mistakes when using booster seats

- Graduating child into booster seat too soon
- Graduating child to adult seat belt too soon
- Placing shoulder belt behind your child's back or under the arm

For more information

- www.ChildSeatInfo.ca and www.icbc.com/road_safety/carseat.asp
- Child Seat Information Line: 1-877-247-5551