



# Booster Seats

## What is a Booster Seat?

A booster seat is a car seat without a harness. It raises a child up so the lap and shoulder belt fit right.

Children use a booster seat when they are too big for a car seat but not big enough for an adult seat belt. A seat belt that doesn't fit right won't protect your child in a crash. Booster seats solve the problem.

In Washington state, it is the law for children up to at least age 6 or 60 pounds to ride in a booster seat. But safety experts agree that children should use a booster seat up to age 8 and at least 80 pounds, and until the seat belt fits right.

Never use a booster seat with just a lap belt. Booster seats must be used with a lap and shoulder belt.

## My Car Has Only Lap Belts in the Backseat. What Can I Do?

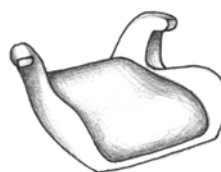
Try one of these options:

- Use the booster in the front seat with the lap and shoulder belt. Push the front seat back as far as you can to keep your child away from the dashboard.
- Never put your child in the front seat if your car has an air bag.
- If you must use a lap belt, your child should wear it low and tight across the hips.
- Call the Safety Restraint Coalition at 425-828-8975 or 1-800-282-5587 (1-800-BUCK-L-UP) for other options.

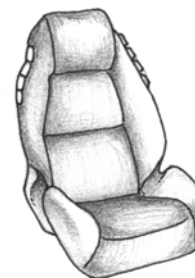
## What Kinds of Booster Seats Are There?

There are two kinds of booster seats.

- A no-back booster can be used in cars with headrests in the back seat or a seat back that comes above your child's ears when he is sitting in the booster seat.
- A high-back booster can be used in cars with or without headrests.



No-back booster



High-back booster

## For More Information

- Visit the Booster Seat Coalition Web site at [www.boosterseat.org](http://www.boosterseat.org)
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