

# One Size Does Not Fit All...

## ...when it comes to buckling up kids

**Most parents believe** they buckle their kids in correctly, but surprisingly, most times they're wrong!

It's hard to be sure child safety seats are in right. One common mistake is that many parents believe that once their kids outgrow forward-facing child safety seats, buckling them in adult seat belts is good enough.

The reality is that adult lap and shoulder belts alone can be dangerous for children



between 40–80 lbs. and less than 4' 9" tall. For these children, booster seats are critical. Child safety seats – including boosters – are very effective in protecting children in crashes. A booster seat positions the adult-designed seat belt correctly and safely – and offers children greater comfort and visibility.

So when your kids outgrow forward-facing child safety seats, boost 'em before you buckle 'em. And have all your child safety seats inspected by a trained technician.

**Children between 40 lbs. and 80 lbs. and less than 4'9" tall should be in a booster seat. And have all your child safety seats inspected by a trained and certified technician near you.**



Click on [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/) or call **1-800-424-9393** for more information or to locate a trained and certified child passenger seat technician near you.



# PROPER CHILD SAFETY SEAT USE CHART

**Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back!**

	<b>INFANTS</b>	<b>TODDLER/PRESCHOOL</b>	<b>YOUNG CHILDREN</b>
<b>AGE AND WEIGHT</b>	Birth to at least 1 year and 20-22 lbs.	Over 20 lbs. to about 40 lbs. and over 1 year	Over 40 lbs. up to about 80 lbs. or more
<b>TYPE OF SEAT</b>	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Convertible/ Forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seat
<b>SEAT POSITION</b>	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
<b>ALWAYS MAKE SURE:</b>	Children to at least one year and at least 20 lbs. in rear-facing seats  Harness straps at or below shoulder level	Harness straps should be at or above shoulders  Most seats require top slot for forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt
<b>WARNING !</b>	Do not place infants in the front passenger seat of cars with air bags	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat	Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries

**ALWAYS FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION CARD THAT COMES WITH THE SEAT IN CASE OF A RECALL.**

*For More Information on Child Safety*

Visit the NHTSA Website at

**[www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)**

or call

the DOT Auto Safety Hotline toll free at

**1-888-DASH-2-DOT**

**(1-888-327-4236)**

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