## 5 STEP SEAT BELT TEST

Find out if your child is ready to ride safely without a booster seat.
Does the child sit all
the way back against
the vehicle seat?
Do the child's knees bend
comfortably at the edge
of the vehicle seat?
the neck and arm?


Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?


Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, your child would still benefit from sitting in a booster seat.


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## USE A BOOSTER SEAT UNLESS

$\rightarrow$ The child is small enough to remain in a frontfacing car seat, according to manufacturer's instructions (usually less than 40 pounds).
$\rightarrow$ The child is large enough to exceed the upper height or weight limit of the booster seat (usually over 4'9" and 80 pounds).


## WHY A BOOSTER SEAT?

Your child is growing up fast, but don't rush them into a regular seat belt. If it doesn't fit properly, it won't protect your child in a crash and could actually cause serious injuries or result in being thrown from the car.

Booster seats work by raising a child up so that the lap belt is positioned safely across the hips, and the shoulder belt rests flat across the collar bone. Boosters also make the seat belt more comfortable for children, making it less likely for them to slouch or put the shoulder belt behind them.

## TIPS FOR PARENTS



Let your child help pick out a booster seat. Some include cup-holders, armrests and other cool features.


Let your child decorate the booster seat with fun stickers and his or her name.


Point out the better view and give your child special booster privileges, such as picking the radio station.

TYPES OF
BOOSTER SEATS

$\rightarrow$ A no-back booster can be used in cars with headrests or a seat back that comes above your child's ears when sitting in the booster. Costs start at about \$15.

$\rightarrow$ A high-back booster can be used in a car with or without headrests. Costs range from $\$ 20$ to $\$ 100$.


All boosters should be used with the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system, never a lap belt only.

## BOTTOM LINE

Unless your child is either very petite or large for their age, most kids who are 4, 5, 6 \& 7 need a booster seat.


[^0]:    \ www-carseatscolorado.com

