



Car Seats

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Your child's age, weight, height and physical development are all important factors in determining the appropriate car seat or booster seat. No matter the age, professionals recommend your child stay in a car seat or booster seat until they can pass this **Five-Step Test**:

If you answer "no" to any of these questions, your child should still be in a booster seat.

Seat Belt Checklist

1

Does the child sit all the way back against the vehicle seat?

2

Do the knees bend comfortably at the edge of the seat?

3

Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?

4

Does the lap belt lay flat across the upper thighs?

5

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

PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFETY

Child's Name: _____ Date: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS



Rear-Facing Car Seat

Newborn to age 3

- Keep rear-facing as long as possible
- Always place in back seat



Forward-Facing Car Seat

Age 2 to 5

- Back seat whenever possible
- Use to seat's upper weight and height limits



High Back or Backless Booster Seat

Age 4 to 12
(or until seat belt fits properly)

- Back seat whenever possible
- Always use lap and shoulder belt



Seat Belt

Older than age 8
(for some, not until age 12)

- Only when seat belt fits properly – usually over 57" tall (4' 9")
- Age 13 and older may ride in front seat

All restraints should be installed and fitted according to the manufacturer's instructions and your vehicle owner's manual. For more info, visit CarSeatsColorado.com.