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169.685.4a(a)(1)



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Forward-facing car seat with an internal harness  
169.685.4a(a)(2)



At least 4 years old AND has outgrown the forward-facing car seat by height or weight  
Booster seat using vehicle lap belt and shoulder belt  
169.685.4a(a)(3)



At least 9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat, AND can pass the 5-Step Test  
Vehicle seat using vehicle lap belt and shoulder belt  
169.685.4a(a)(4)

- If a child fits in more than one category, place them in the more protective category. 169.685.4a(a)(6)
- Children under the age of 13 must sit in a back seat, if possible. 169.685.4a(a)(5)
- Every driver who transports a child under the age of 18 years in a motor vehicle, is required to have the child restrained in a car seat or seat belt. 169.685.4a(c)

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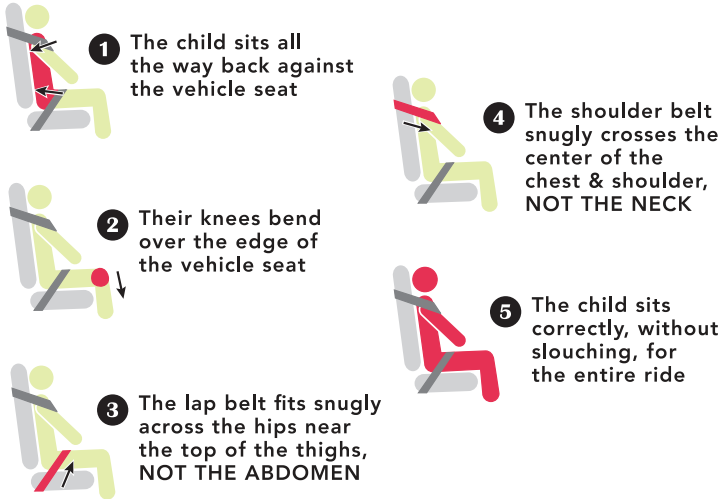
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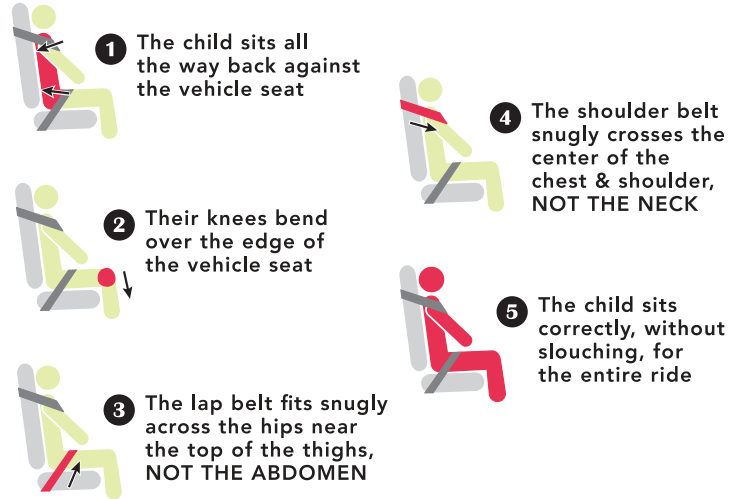


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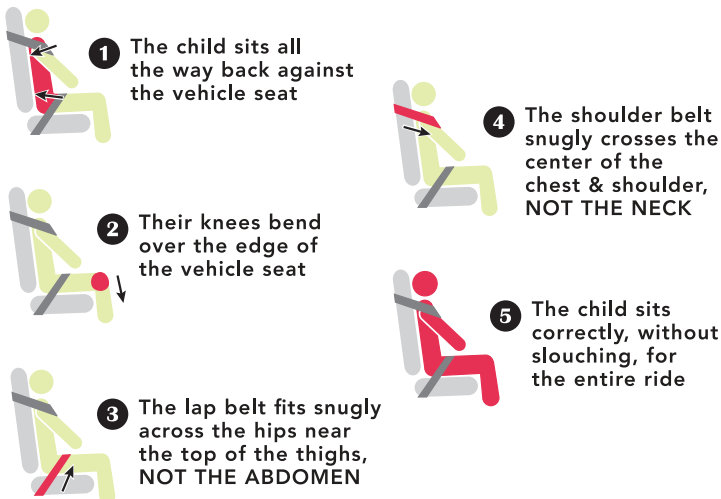


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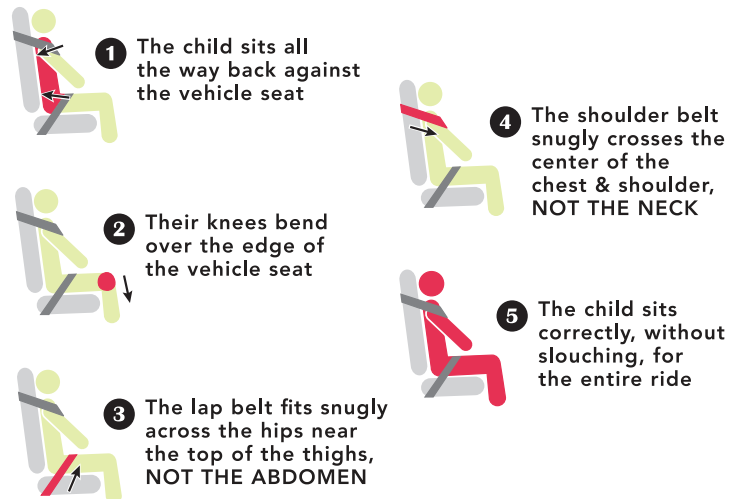


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