Seat Belt Safety

Buckle Up Every Ride!

Buckling up is the single most important action you can take to keep your child safe on the road. Minnesota law requires all children under age 18 to be properly buckled up in a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt — make sure your child is in the right seat:



Booster Seat

At least **4 years old** AND has outgrown their forward-facing car seat by height or weight.



Vehicle Seat

At least **9 years old** or has outgrown their booster seat AND can pass the 5-Step Test.



1. Does your child sit all the way back against the vehicle seat?
2. Do their knees bend over the edge of the vehicle seat?
3. Does the lap belt fit snugly across the hips near the top of the thighs, NOT the abdomen?
4. Does the shoulder belt snugly cross the center of the chest and shoulder, NOT the neck?
5. Can they sit correctly without slouching the entire ride?

Did Your Child Pass the 5-Step Test?

NO to One or More Steps:

Your child must use a **booster seat** to properly position the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt.

YES to All Five Steps:

Your child can use the **seat belt** and should sit in the vehicle's back seat until 13 years old.

Scan to watch a video that demonstrates and explains the 5-Step Test.

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