**WHY WE USE BOOSTER SEATS**

Safety belts are not designed for children. According to Tennessee Law, children age 4 are too large for toddler seats but too small for adult safety belts; therefore, they must use a booster seat. A booster seat raises a child up so that the safety belt fits right—and can better protect the child. The shoulder belt should cross the child’s chest and rest snugly on the shoulder. The lap belt should rest low across the pelvis or hip area—never across the stomach area.

Need help with your booster seat? Visit www.tntrafficsafety.org for a child passenger safety regional center near you.

Booster seats are sold at toy stores, department stores, and other retail outlets.

For more information about booster seats and other child passenger safety issues go to:

www.tntrafficsafety.org
1.800.99BELTS
 ttsrs@utk.edu

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HIGH-BACK BELT-POSITIONING BOOSTER SEATS

Two types of high-back belt-positioning booster seats are available. Both types "boost" your child up so the vehicle safety belt fits better.

1. One type provides head and neck support for your child if your vehicle seat back does not have a head rest. It must be used with the vehicle's lap/shoulder belt, never with the lap belt only.

2. The other, a combination seat, converts from a forward-facing toddler seat to a booster seat and comes equipped with a harness. This type can be used as a forward-facing toddler seat when your child is age 1 and greater than 20 pounds to age 4. When your child outgrows the toddler seat, remove the harness and use the seat as a booster seat with the vehicle's lap/shoulder belt.

NO-BACK BELT-POSITIONING BOOSTER SEAT

This type also "boosts" your child up so the vehicle safety belt fits better. This booster seat is used with a lap/shoulder belt. It should only be used in vehicles with built-in head rests.

All booster seats are required by law to comply with the same safety standards as child safety seats. Your booster seat must have a label stating that it meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

Always use both the lap AND shoulder belt.

The shoulder belt should never be placed behind a child's back or under the arm. If you do, your child could be seriously injured or killed in a crash.

Remember, always read both the Booster Seat and the Car Manufacturer Manuals before installing your booster seat.

Fill out and return the product registration card so you can be notified in case of a recall.

"It's more than a law. It's a Lifesaver!"

Because many state laws only require children to be in a safety seat up to age 4 or so, many parents assume older kids are safe in just a safety belt. However, Tennessee requires ALL children to be restrained in an age appropriate device whenever they ride in a motor vehicle. T.C.A. 55-8-101 and 5013.

SAFETY TIPS FOR BOOSTER SEATS

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TENNESSEE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW

All children 13 and under should ride in the back seat!