

If your child isn't using a booster seat, try this simple test the next time you ride together in the car.

The 5 - Step Test

1. Does the seatbelt lie flat across the shoulder and across the middle of the chest so it doesn't rub on the neck or fall off of the shoulder?
2. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs, and not riding up over the stomach?
3. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the vehicle's seat?
4. Does the child sit all the way back against the vehicle's seat?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat to ride safely in the car. Kids like boosters because they are more comfortable, too!