

# Child Car Seats

## Under Nine Years

### Types of booster seats



#### Infant/child/booster seat (Three-In-One)

- Can be used rear- or forward-facing with harness straps
- Can be used as a booster seat with the lap/shoulder seat belt
- Has weight limits for use as a booster seat that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 45 kg (100 lb.)



#### Child/booster seat (Combination)

- Used forward-facing only
- Can be used with the harness straps
- Can be used as a booster seat with the lap/shoulder seat belt
- Has weight limits for use as a booster seat that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 54.5 kg (120 lb.)



#### High-back belt-positioning booster

- Used forward-facing only
- Does not have harness straps
- Has weight limits that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 54.5 kg (120 lb.)
- Must be used with a shoulder and lap belt. If there is no lap/shoulder belt, your child must be secured by a lap belt without a booster seat



#### Backless belt-positioning booster

- Used forward-facing only
- Does not have harness straps
- Used when the vehicle seat backs are high or there is a vehicle head rest
- Has weight limits that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 54.5 kg (120 lb.)
- Must be used with a shoulder and lap belt. If there is no lap/shoulder belt, your child must be secured by a lap belt without a booster seat

#### Booster seats are for children:

- Over 18 kg (40 lb.).
- Until they are 9 years old or have reached the height of 145 cm (4'9") tall.

Always refer to manufacturer's instructions.

*It is recommended that children under 4 years old remain in a harnessed forward-facing child seat as long as possible within the manufacturer's weight limit.*

### Installation checklist

- I have read the manufacturer's instructions.
- Booster seat faces the front of the vehicle.
- Booster seat is flat on the vehicle seat.
- Lap belt is snug across the hips (not the abdomen).
- Shoulder belt lies over the child's shoulder and across the chest.
- Booster seat is buckled in, even when the child is not present.



*Lap belt is snug across the hips. Shoulder belt lies over the child's shoulder and across the chest.*

### Safety Guidelines

- It is recommended that a child does not use a booster seat before 4 years of age.
- Child car seats and booster seats purchased in other countries are not legal for use in Canada
- Seat belts are designed to fit adults. Keep your child in a car seat as long as possible.
- A booster seat should correctly position the vehicle seat belt over the child's shoulder, across the chest and hips.
- Register your booster seat with the manufacturer in case of a safety recall.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and read your vehicle owner's manual.

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