

Safety Belt Test

- Have your child sit in the back seat with their bottom and back against the car's seat back. Do the child's knees bend at the seat's edge? If yes, go to the next step. If not, the child should continue to ride in a booster seat.
- Buckle the seat belt. Does the belt stay low on the hips? If yes, go on. If it rests on the soft part of the stomach, the child should stay in a booster.
- Look at the shoulder belt. Does it lay on the collarbone and shoulder? If yes, go on. If it lands on the face or neck, the child should remain in a booster seat.
- Never put the shoulder belt under the child's arm or behind the child's back. Do not allow the children to play with the shoulder portion of the seat belt. Treat it like any cord.
- Can the child maintain the correct seating position with the shoulder belt on the shoulder and the lap belt across the hips without a booster seat? If yes, the child has passed the Safety Belt Fit Test! If no, the child should remain in the booster seat and retest in a month.