

What You Need to Know...

Phase 1 Rear-facing seat	Use until child exceeds the weight or size limits of the car seat
Phase 2 Front-facing seat	Use until child exceeds the weight or size limits of the car seat
Phase 3 Booster	Use until child exceeds the weight or size limits of the car seat
Phase 4 Seat belt	Always use a seat belt



Phase 1
Please refer to the **LAW**
2 years old



	LAW	BEST PRACTICES
REAR-FACING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 20 lbs ✓ 2 years old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2 years old minimum ✓ Ideally, maximum weight and height indicated on the car seat
BOOSTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Minimum of 40 lbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recommended until the child exceeds the weight and height indicated on the car seat (45 lbs min.) ✓ The child must be mature enough to remain seated like an adult for the duration of the ride
SEAT BELT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 80 lbs or Measure 4'9" in height or ✓ At least 8 years old 	<p>Respect the 5 steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Back against the vehicle seat ✓ Knees bent at the edge of seat ✓ Lap belt on top of thighs not on belly ✓ Shoulder belt between neck and shoulder ✓ Sits properly - No slouching, no playing with seat belt ✓ Respect age, weight and height

A child can ride **safely** without a **booster** seat when you can say **YES** to **ALL 5**

- Back against the vehicle seat
- Knees bent at edge of seat
- Lap belt on top of thighs, not on belly
- Shoulder belt between neck and shoulder
- Sits properly. No slouching, no playing with seat belt, etc.

To ride safely, most kids need a booster until age 10-12



Pinching the harness will tell you if the harness is tight enough. You need to tighten until your fingers slide on the harness, without being able to pinch the harness.



Does your car seat meet the standards?

Is it expired?

Does it respect the child's weight, height and age?

Is it properly installed?

Proper Harness Slot Placement

