

# Native Children Always Ride Safe

## Every Trip, Every Time



## Booster seats until 4'9"

There is no rush to move children to a seatbelts alone. Children over 40 pounds OR who have reached the upper weight limit of their car seat's harness system, should use a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle lap-and-shoulder seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 feet 9 inches tall and are between 8 and 12 years old

When you think your child may be ready to use a vehicle seat belt, proper fit of the seat belt can be determined by using the following 5-Step Test developed by SafetyBeltSeat USA.

### The 5-Step Test

- Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
- Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
- Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
- Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
- Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?



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