Reaching Out with the Message: Boosters Are For Big Kids

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Note: Reproducible flyers are provided at the end of the presentation.
Three Methods for Outreach to Protect Kids 4 to 10

♦ Part I: A Curriculum for School Children
  – Linchpin of the project, providing the message:
    • Use the 5-Step Test; Boosters Are For Big Kids

♦ Part II: An Interactive Museum Exhibit
  – The Petersen Automotive Museum: 2002-2005
  – Toyota USA Automobile Museum: 2005-

♦ Part III: The 5-Step Test Event
  – Taking the message to the community
  – Making it part of others’ events
• Goal: Mobilizing outreach to families of 4-to-10 year olds to increase booster use and prepare community for expanded legislative coverage of child passengers. Research shows boosters reduce injury by 59%.

• Methods:
  – Use a curriculum for K-3rd grade
  – Develop interactive exhibit at museums and similar sites
  – Teach the 5-Step Test at community events
Part I: A Curriculum for School Children

• Goal:
  • To develop a program to help reduce injuries of children Kindergarten-Third Grade by increasing booster use
• Objectives:
  • To teach parents and children how to determine if a booster is needed
  • To encourage children 5 to 8 years old to use boosters
  • To persuade broad-based community of safety advocates to adopt simple test to determine need for booster use
General Methods:

Allstate Foundation provided opportunity to develop curriculum.

Basis for developing specific program included:
1) data from photographic session with elementary school children and
2) comparison of those children’s reported patterns of transport collected from parental survey responses with the behavior demonstrated when asked to show how they ride in the family vehicle and
3) usage survey data at three diverse schools.

Concurrently obtained checkup data reflected both the generally low booster use by elementary school children and encouraging trends developing in 2001.
Premises Underlying the Program

Our approach was based on following premises:
1) target the group, in which most students would fit in combination shoulder and lap belt with a booster, to reduce need for scantily trained persons to make diagnostic assessments of proper type of child restraint;
2) create curriculum complete enough for parent-volunteers to teach it;
3) plan experiential component with backup by video for sites unable or unwilling to use assessment of fit in parked vehicles;
4) fit widely variable, based on factors like belt system, depth of seat cushion;
5) behavioral norms have MAJOR impact on correct, consistent belt use, and choice to use booster; and
6) need to develop benchmarks for parents to use as guides.
Specific Methods:

1) Develop simple slogan: Boosters Are For Big Kids

2) Curriculum:
   a) compares correct belt fit, with or without booster, with other common health-promoting behaviors;
   b) provides a pattern for a group project in classroom;
   c) exposes classroom in common to feel of booster to improve belt fit and visibility when riding in vehicle;
   d) provides a tool for teaching parent-volunteers to present or assist in teaching, thus exposing adults from community to new learning along with children;
   e) focuses on homework activity and go-home pages for parents. [Parent materials offered in English and Spanish.]

3) Develop parent benchmarks in 5-Step Test;

4) Select exemplar case for go-home parental education which avoids death and high speed crash experience.
Program Content

1. Curriculum focused on general health-promoting concepts

2. Generate interactive classroom learning, based on general principles and concrete exposure to safety belts and boosters.

3. Experiential session: most important; includes class members trying combination shoulder and lap belts with volunteer-adults applying the 5-Step Test and then trying booster in vehicle.

4. Video/DVD: mainly as tool to show adults the experiential component so that they can conduct it and to use as a substitute for experiential learning if can’t find way to do it (urban school with no playground on which cars could be parked safely; problems of weather; school administration refuses to allow component.)
“Boosters Are For Big Kids”

Passenger safety program for children in grades K-3 and their families
Developed by SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.
with support from Allstate Foundation

Contents of the “Boosters Are For Big Kids” Kit

♦ Curriculum for the elementary classroom
♦ Supplementary materials to use with the curriculum
  Letter to parents (English or Spanish)
  Letter to teachers and parent volunteers
  Words for booster “rap”
  Booster coloring sheets (homework)
♦ Pattern for large booster seat
  (classroom activity: cut out pattern pieces and trace on butcher paper)
  Reproducible information sheets (English or Spanish)
  Does My Child Need a Booster Seat?
  How to Choose a Booster Seat for Your Child
  List of Boosters and Combination Child Seat/Boosters
  “Boosters Are For Big Kids” flyer with the 5-Step Test
  2002 California Buckle-Up Laws for Parents
♦ “Boosters Are For Big Kids” Poster
♦ “Boosters Are For Big Kids” Bumper Sticker
♦ “Boosters Are For Big Kids” Video
  3 minutes for children; 4 minutes for adults (English and Spanish)
♦ Brochure: The Perfect Gift - Your Child’s Safety (English or Spanish)
♦ SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. Resources (list and order form)

Call SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. to discuss collaborating on developing a summary of safety belt and safety seat laws in other states.
Boosters Are For Big Kids

The 5-Step Test

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

Age of Child: 9 years old

Low Speed of Crash: 20 MPH

Potential Family Dynamics Generated: 17-year-old sibling driving

If injury (perforated stomach) could not be repaired, permanent sequelae, including colostomy.

Occupation of Parent: School Teacher

This case is one with which virtually any family can identify: not high speed, not fatal, no drugs, alcohol, parent who “should” have known better.
Background of the Exemplar Case

The case of a 9 year old injured in a 20 mph crash was brought to the Safe Ride Helpline. School teacher mother had no idea her child and her students were at risk without boosters.

Crash was “minor”; none of the youngsters were bruised; all were evaluated without diagnosis. Serious injury and potential long term consequences were revealed later. Luckily, child recovered.
Created Video, Boosters Are For Big Kids

1) Short: 3 minutes for children; 4 minutes for adults in English and Spanish.

2) Kids’ section positive, includes Rap that can be taught, if wished.

3) Adult section, focus is on 5-Step Test, how to apply it.

4) Suitable for use in community, e.g. on cable TV or at public meeting or safety fair.
Examples of Bumper Stickers and Audiovisuals
Classwork/Homework Component
Preferred as homework; however, in some districts, children may not be able to color sheet at home.
Goal: to let children show how they would like their booster seats to be personalized, reflective of them, also to share with manufacturers.
Classwork: decorating a giant booster seat: pattern for group project for class to personalize for the group.
Parent involvement: xeroxable materials covering need for booster seat use; seats available.
Seek parent-volunteers to organize or participate in the educational session
May assess responses to the intervention through questionnaires distributed to families after the program.
Patterns for Classwork Project and Homework
HOMEWORK

I really want this kind and the same pictures! -D

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Sample Reactions to Curriculum

♥ Thank you for coming to our class. I learned that children's need to go back seat and that the belt does not go on your feet and if front seat and there is a crash you could dead. Sincerely, Wilder

♥ Thank you for pictures to draw. Also thank you for the puzzles, Stephanie. It was fun learning about it I love it. I learned to be safe so I won't die. It's fun being alive so you can play and do many other things. What I mean is Drive grow up and go places. Sincerely, Arthur

♥ I want to thank the people because you helped us how to be safe. They said that we have to have a lap belt and a elbow belt. We learned that boosters are for big kids. We have to have a lap belt and an elbow belt. If we don't wear our belts we will brake our brain and the doctor won't be able to fix our brain. Sincerely, Natalia

♥ Thank you for showing us how to be safe in your car. My mom said I could get a big kid booster seat. I tried it I felt fine because I could see the front windows. I cost me 25$ dollars and my sister wanted to get one too. She almost cried and she's 12 years old. We learned that we should always put our seat belt on. And I learned not to stand up when the car is moving. The best place to sit is in the back seats. Sincerely, Israel

Letters from third graders at a public school in Los Angeles County
Results

1) Development of Poster and Bumper Sticker

2) Pilot data from 2 elementary schools
Poster and Bumper Sticker for the Curriculum

Developed poster which depicts child saved by use of booster at age 4 and letter from parent, showing she considered skipping the booster because they were “just in the neighborhood” to model correct behavior with a good outcome; also has another version of child’s view of booster.

Have used the artwork from poster for magazine illustrations.

Created bumper sticker which works as an educational tool, even if not used on car, as carries 5-Step Test on the back. Spanish version was added as requests came in for it.
Dear SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.,

I want to share a brief story about what happened to my son Alex and me, with the hope someone can benefit from our experience:

Alex and I were running late for gymnastics. I had 3 month old twins at home so, as you can imagine, I was always in a rush. For some reason my son had moved his booster seat into the third row in our van. We were in a hurry, so I sat him in the second row seats without a booster and thought "Oh, what will it matter this time." I had never done it before, but rushing, stressed with the little ones...I did. As I was about to close the door, I noticed the safety belt was hitting him too high. He was 4 1/2 and 42 pounds, over the requirements of the law,"but the belt didn't fit him properly. I stopped and had him crawl into the booster and I reached back to buckle him in.

No more than 10 minutes later, we were going through a green light at 45 mph when someone tried to make a left turn in front of us. The other car hit the side of ours and we hit a traffic light pole head on. Alex kept asking "What happened Mom? Are we OK?" It turned out that our van was totaled, but I was OK because of my safety belt and air bag and Alex was OK because he was in his booster seat.

Sincerely,
Catherine Musicant

*Alex Musicant is now 8.

State laws vary.

Developed with funding from the Allstate Foundation.
Close-Up of Saved by the Booster Boy
Bumper Sticker Front

BOOSTERS ARE FOR BIG KIDS!

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Bumper Sticker Back

“Boosters Are For Big Kids”
Did you know most kids need to ride in a booster seat from about age 4 until at least age 8?

NO

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

The 5-Step Test
1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child’s knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
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!

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Los “Boosters” Son Para Niños Grandes

La mayoría de los niños necesitan viajar en una silla “booster” desde la edad de 4 años hasta por lo menos 8 años.

¡Me gusta mi “booster”!

NO

Si su niño no está usando un booster, haga la simple prueba que aparece abajo, la próxima vez que viajen juntos en el carro. Usted probablemente se dará cuenta que su niño no está aún listo para usar el cinturón de seguridad sin un booster.

La Prueba de 5 Pasos

1. ¿Se sienta el niño completamente contra el respaldo del asiento del carro?
2. ¿Se doblan cómodamente las rodillas del niño a la orilla del asiento del carro?
3. ¿Cruza el tirante de hombros entre el cuello y el brazo?
4. ¿Está el cinturón de cadera colocado lo más bajo posible, tocando la parte superior de las piernas?
5. ¿Puede mantenerse el niño sentado así durante todo el viaje?

Si usted respondió con un “no” a cualquiera de estas preguntas, su niño necesita una silla “booster” que haga que los cinturones de cadera y hombro se ajusten bien para una mejor protección en caso de un choque. ¡Además, su niño estará más confortable!
Summary of Initial Feedback on Program

Feedback from pilot programs at 2 elementary schools: private English-speaking and public, mainly Latino, monolingual in Spanish.

Teachers indicated that the class was valuable; they lacked this knowledge before hearing the class information.

“Books” of returned homework show children’s enthusiasm for decorating booster sheets with their interests and enthusiasms.

The next slide is a sample follow-up survey that could be used, if appropriate, in schools operating the program.
Dear Parent:
We visited your child’s classroom and talked to the children about booster seats. Please answer the questions below to help us improve our program. Have your child return the completed survey, and your name will be entered in a free drawing for a special gift. Thanks for your help!

Name of child __________________________ Grade _____ Room # _____
Your child’s age: ______ Height: _____ Weight: _____

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(Please mark “X” for one of the items below)

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How does your child ride NOW?  
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Comments: ____________________________________________________________________

If you have any questions about car seats, boosters, or safety belts, call:  
SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. (800) 745-SAFE
Part II: Museum Exhibit
Major Collaborators

- Petersen Automotive Museum
- California Office of Traffic Safety
- Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.
- Hi Tech Collision Centers
- Supplemental Restraint Specialists
- Toyota USA Automobile Museum
- Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.
Discovery Center
Petersen Automotive Museum
Los Angeles, CA

- Exhibit available to 20,000 children a year, with parents and school groups
- Interactive: children can watch video, color booster sheets, try belts and boosters in half-car
- Adults and children learn together on site and take home information
- Message gains status from support from community site
Final Preparations for Discovery Center Exhibit

Sam Massey of SRS with Museum Personnel
Vehicle Installation
Saved by the Booster:
Alex and Catherine Musicant
Receive Certificate at Opening
Creators of the Car Take a Bow
Sam Massey and Chalmers Rosenbaum with
Tina Kaiping, Kevin Walton & Toni Castillo
Outcomes

• Visitors exposed to 5-Step Test message from 1/02 until 3/05

• Strong rapport with Petersen leads to holding Safety Seat Checkup Day on the premises for 4 years and 25th Anniversary Brunch

• Lobby exhibit on child passenger safety history remains on display

• Devised laminated poster version of 5-Step Test flyer for teaching and display
Move to Toyota USA Automobile Museum, Gardena, CA, March 2005
Susan Sanborn, Curator, with Exhibit
Scenes from the 5-Step Test Exhibit
Note: Booster Kids Can Sign Vehicle with Chalk
Part III: 5-Step Test Events

- Interactive stop on sites of community events, such as bike rodeo, safety or city fair
- Attracts whole family, allowing kids and parents to learn together
- Tools: Toyota van; forms to record findings, booster, coloring sheets, child passenger safety information, clipboards, crayons
- Add-on: Tightly installed safety seat for demo for families with younger children
- Can be conducted by volunteers trained only in the 5-Step Test; need only 2-3 volunteers to handle the site
Form for 5-Step Test Event

Try the 5-Step Test Today!

Note: This exercise is suitable for children from about age 3-4 up to age 10-12 who are not using a booster. It shows how boosters can improve belt fit and comfort in the car.

(Please print)
Name of child ________________________ Age _____ Weight _____ Height_____.

Child’s home city __________________________ Zip __________

Have the child get ready for a “pretend” ride by sitting in the car and buckling up with the lap and shoulder belt in the back seat. Answer the following the questions:

1. Is the child sitting tall so his/her whole back is touching the seatback? ___Yes ___ No (If no, please ask the child to move all the way back before continuing.)

2. Do the child’s knees bend comfortably at the edge of the seat? ___Yes ___ No

3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm? ___Yes ___ No

4. Is the lap belt touching the tops of the legs? ___Yes ___ No

5. Can the child can sit like this for the whole trip? ___Yes ___ No

If the answer to any of these questions is “no,” the child needs a booster seat to ride safely in the car. Exception: A special product (large seat or harness/vest) is needed if there are no shoulder belts in the back seat of the car OR if the child is very active or over 40 lbs. and under age 3-4.

How is the child usually buckled up? ___ Safety seat with harness ___ Booster ___ Lap and shoulder belt ___ Lap-only belt

Was a sample booster tried? ___Yes ___ No

Improvements with booster: Position of ___ Knees ___ Shoulder belt ___ Lap belt

Do you plan to get a booster for this child? ___Yes ___ No

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Findings

• Critical Categories: age, home city/zip, notes on 5 steps (Step 1 always should be Yes), was booster tried? Improvements? (Circle 2,3,4,5)

• Like to gather: weight, height, and plan to get booster or use booster now? Often parents/child do not know weight, height, may not want to give name

• 5 events, 129 children from age 3 to 11 years old; weighing from 30 lbs. to 85 lbs.

• Passed 5-Step Test: 4 passed: 2 11-year-olds (70 & 72 lbs.); 2 8-year-olds (50 and 85 lbs.)
Child Showing Fit with and without Booster

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Children Try Boosters at Tustin, CA Event

BEFORE:

AFTER:
How Do You Like These Fits?
Kids Show How They Ride

Note serious misuse by child who was just given a booster.

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Publicity for the 5-Step Test

Many mass media have used the Test to convey the message to the public. The following are examples:

- Westways, Jan.-Feb. 2002
- Traffic Safety, Jan.-Feb. 2002
- Reader’s Digest, Canada, Sept. 2004

Programs use the Test in brochures, books, and curricula such as

- Automobile Club of Southern California
- California State Automobile Association
- Washington State
- Rhode Island
- I’m Safe IN THE CAR, Wendy Gordon
- Riding with the Big Green Snake Kit includes the BAFBK video
- American Honda Motor Company
Westways, Jan.-Feb. 2002

To determine if your child needs a belt-positioning booster, take this five-step test developed by SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.:

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the vehicle’s seat?
2. Do the child’s knees bend comfortably at the edges of that seat?
3. Is the lap belt below the abdomen, touching the thighs?
4. Is the shoulder belt centered on the shoulder and chest?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered no to any of these questions, your child needs to be in a booster seat to ride safely in the car.

To Learn More

For more information about car seat safety contact:
Carsafe, (800) 238-1777

As one of its many efforts to promote safe driving, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) provides car seat inspections. To have your car seat inspected, contact your local CHP office or access www.chp.ca.gov. Many CHP offices have at least one NHTSA-trained technician on staff. The CHP also makes car seats available for parents who meet certain criteria.

The following are available free of charge at your local Auto Club office: a Booster Seat Tips card and The Perfect Gift, a guide to car seat purchase. (Both are available in Spanish and English.)
SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A., a national child passenger safety program, has developed a 5-Step Test to help parents determine if their child needs a booster seat. The 5-Step Test is the best way to check if a child's seat and child are ready for a booster seat, said Jim Moore of the organization.

The test can be performed in a few minutes at home or at the child's school, and it involves checking:

1. If the child can sit all the way back against the seat.  
2. If the child's knees bend comfortably over the edge of the seat cushion.  
3. If the chest belt is low enough to be placed behind the shoulder at the center of the clavicle (collarbone).  
4. If the lap belt is low enough to be placed as low as possible across the child's hips, not the waist.  
5. If the child can sit without the seat belt being too tight.

By following these steps, parents can determine if their child needs a booster seat or if the child is ready to graduate to a seat belt alone. The test can also be performed at the child's school as part of the National Child Passenger Safety Day, observed each year on May 15.

For more information, contact SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. at 1-800-865-8508.
Before a Real CRASH TEST...

Make sure your school-aged child is safe in the car by testing your seating savvy with our mini quiz.

1. What percentage of car injuries and deaths involving children can be prevented by the use of proper restraints? A: 50 percent. B: 75 percent. C: 100 percent.

2. Your child just turned four, weighs 40 pounds and has outgrown his car seat. It's time to A: get rid of the car seat and buckle him into the back, away from air bags. B: buckle him into the front seat using a lap and shoulder belt. C: move him into a booster seat in the back.

3. If your child finds the shoulder portion of the seat belt uncomfortable, you can A: tuck it behind his arm. B: use a booster seat to raise him so the belt feels more comfortable. C: buy a seat-belt adjuster.

Answers:

1. B: 75 percent. Booster seats save lives and reduce the risk of severe injury. In fact, a U.S. study found that children who were restrained using only seat belts were 3½ times more likely to suffer significant injury and four times more likely to suffer head injury compared with children who had been in booster seats during a crash.

2. C: It's time to move him into a booster seat in the back. Children outgrow their car seats when they're about four to five years old and over 40 pounds. A booster in the back seat should be your child's spot in the car until he's about 80 pounds and four feet nine inches tall.

3. B: You can use a booster seat to raise him up so the belt feels more comfortable. Positioning of a seat belt is one of the most important parts of keeping your child safe—even with a booster seat. Be sure to put the shoulder belt over your child's shoulder and across his chest—not behind his back or under his arm. Always put the lap belt low and snug across the top of his thighs. Don't let it ride up over your child's stomach. If you are involved in an accident, incorrect positioning of a seat belt could cause serious internal injuries.

SUZANNE BOLES in Today's Parent
**BOOSTER SEATS**

**THE 5-STEP TEST**

Did you know most children need boosters from about age 4 to at least age 8? If your child is NOT riding in a booster, try this 5-Step Test:

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child’s knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Is the lap belt below the tummy, touching the thighs?
4. Is the shoulder belt centered on the shoulder and chest?
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. Riding in a booster is more comfortable, too!

**“Boosters Are for Big Kids!”**

Beginning January 1, 2002, California law will require that all children ride in a child passenger restraint system until they are at least age 6 years or 60 lbs.

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**“BOOSTERS”**

**LA PRUEBA DE 5 PASOS**

¿Sabía usted que la mayoría de los niños necesita sillas “boosters” más o menos desde la edad de 4 años hasta por lo menos 8 años? Si su niño NO viaja en una silla “booster,” responda a esta prueba de 5 pasos:

1. ¿Se sienta el niño completamente contra el respaldo del asiento del carro?
2. ¿Se doblan cómodamente las rodillas del niño a la orilla del asiento del carro?
3. ¿Está el cinturón por debajo del abdomen, tocando la parte superior de las piernas?
4. ¿Está centrado el tirante de los hombros en el hombro y en el pecho?
5. ¿Puede mantenerse el niño sentado así durante todo el viaje?

Si usted respondió con un “no” a cualquiera de estas preguntas, su niño necesita un “booster” para viajar seguramente en el carro. También es más cómodo viajar en un “booster”!

**“Los “Boosters” Son Para Niños Grandes!”**

A partir del 1 de enero del 2002, la ley de California exigirá que todos los niños que viajen en un vehículo use asiento de seguridad para niños de edad de seis años o más, o más de sesenta libras.

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**SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.**
5 Step Test

to determine whether your child needs a booster seat

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and AAA recommend that children stay in a booster seat until they are about 4’9” tall and 8 years old. But how do you really know that your child is ready to graduate to a seat belt?

Take this 5 Step Test: YES NO
1 Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat? □ □
2 Do the child’s knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat? □ □
3 Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm? □ □
4 Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs? □ □
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 the comfort of boosters, and best yet—they can see out the window! Boosters are for big kids!

Source: SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.
F4008 (Apr 2003)

5 Preguntas

Para determinar si su hijo debería usar un asiento “Booster”

La Administración Nacional de Seguridad de Tránsito y AAA recomienda que su hijo continue usando su asiento “Booster” hasta que tenga 4’9” de altura y ocho años de edad. Pero ¿cómo determina usted si ya llegó el momento para que su hijo pueda sentarse en el asiento de su automóvil con el cinturón de seguridad abrochado?

Debería su hijo usar un asiento “Booster”?

Responda a éstas 5 preguntas: SI NO
1 Se sienta su niño completamente contra el respaldo del asiento del auto? □ □
2 Se doblan cómodamente las rodillas del niño a la orilla del asiento del auto? □ □
3 Cruza el cinturón de hombros entre el cuello y el brazo? □ □
4 Está el cinturón de caderas colocado lo más bajo posible, tocando la parte superior de las piernas? □ □
5 Puede mantenerse su niño sentado así durante todo el viaje? □ □

Si usted respondió “no” a una de éstas preguntas, su hijo aún necesita usar el asiento “Booster” para su seguridad. A los niños les gusta la comodidad de los asientos “Booster” y además, pueden mirar por la ventana! Los asientos “Booster” son para los niños grandes!

Fuente de información: SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.
F4008 (Apr 2003)
Is your child ready for a seat belt?

Think again:
Every child between 40 and 80 pounds needs to be in a booster seat.
When is a child ready for a safety belt?

Take the 5-Step Test from SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.

1. Does your child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do her knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Is the lap belt below the tummy, touching the thighs?
4. Is the shoulder belt centered on the shoulder and chest?
5. Can she 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. Riding in a booster is more comfortable, too!

The back seat is the safest seat for your kids, regardless of the age. Never put a rear-facing infant in front if there is a passenger air bag!

How is a booster seat used?

A booster seat is easy to use. The lap and shoulder belt fit around the child. Never place the shoulder belt behind the back or under the arm. The lap belt must be worn over the hips or upper thighs.

Be sure YOU use YOUR safety belt, too! Everyone should be buckled up on every ride.
I’m Safe IN THE CAR
by Wendy Gordon, CPST

Booster are for Big Kids

Did you know that most kids need to ride in a booster seat from about age 4 until at least age 8?

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

**THE 5-STEP TEST**

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child’s knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
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!

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“Boosters are for Big Kids” is a curriculum developed by SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. with support from the Allstate Foundation. The curriculum includes the 5-Step Test; for more information about the curriculum or reproducing the 5-Step Test page, contact SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.
Bucklebear
Weiner-Seaman Productions

“Boosters Are For Big Kids” video has been included in the program materials.

BIG GREEN SNAKE PRESENTER’S KIT AND VIDEO
Encourages Kids 4-8 to use Booster Seats
What’s In It? includes: Live Action Video
A special video produced by SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. introduces the 5-Step Test, that empowers both children and parents to recognize the need for using a booster seat. The three-minute segment for children shows how to be comfortable in a booster and why a shoulder-lap belt is designed to fit adults. The four-minute segment for adults, on each tape in both English and Spanish, identifies the risks to children and how to do the 5-Step Test to personalize belt fit, regardless of vehicle design or individuals’ proportions and behavior.
If you would like to view the SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. video on-line, go to http://www.carseat.org (clicking on the link will open the site in a new window), then click on "Booster Kit & Video" and then click on "Boosters Are For Big Kids" Video.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.
What You Need to Know About Protecting Kids in Your Car

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.
Seat Belt Fit Test

Have the child sit in a rear seat and put on the lap/shoulder belt, then ask yourself:

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the seat?
2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably over the edge of the seat?
3. Does the shoulder belt cross between the child's neck and arm?
4. Is the lap part of the belt as low as possible, touching the child's thighs?
5. Will the child be able to stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answer “yes” to all these questions, the child is ready to wear the lap/shoulder belt correctly. If you answer “no” to any question, the child is not large enough yet, and they need to ride on a booster seat.

from American Honda Motor Co.
"BOOSTERS ARE FOR BIG KIDS"
How to Choose a Booster Seat for Your Child

What is a booster seat?
A booster seat is a firm cushion of foam or plastic that lifts the child up in the car to improve the position and angle of the shoulder belt. (If there are no shoulder belts in the back seat of your car, skip to the last two paragraphs at the bottom of this page.) There should be slots or hooks for the lap belt to keep it low, on the child’s hips and thighs. There are backless, highback, and removable-back boosters. Most boosters include a shoulder belt guide or comfort clip that can be used, if necessary, to pull the shoulder belt slightly downward so it crosses the center of the shoulder and chest.

Choosing the best booster for your child
The ideal booster has a removable back with an adjustable headrest. Be sure to use the backrest if the vehicle seatback is too low to protect your child from neck injuries in a rear collision. To provide head support for neck protection, the top of the vehicle seatback, booster, or headrest should be at or above the child’s ears. An adjustable headrest helps keep a sleeping child positioned properly under the vehicle belt and positions the shoulder belt comfortably without preventing it from retracting properly. Backless boosters are lightweight and less expensive, which makes them convenient for carpooling and play dates. They work well as long as the child is able to sit upright throughout the trip and the head is supported by the vehicle seatback. For family vacations, a backless booster can be used in the car on the way to the airport and at the destination if it is packed in a carry-on bag. (Boosters may not be used on aircraft.) Combination seats, which are often marketed as “highback boosters,” have a harness that can used from 20-30 pounds up to 40-50 pounds, then removed to convert the seat to a booster (see cautions in next section).

How to tell if a booster fits
Try the booster with your child in your car(s). Make sure the lap belt is positioned low, touching the child’s thighs and hips, and the shoulder belt crosses the middle of the child’s shoulder, touching the chest.

Cautions: Some highback boosters and combination seats have high sides that hold the lap belt too high, which may allow the child to “submarine” (slide downward and forward) in a crash. They may have a plastic shoulder belt guide, or “comfort clip,” attached to the side of the backrest that grips the shoulder belt tightly. This type of clip could prevent the belt from retracting properly after the child leans forward or pulls on the belt, resulting in dangerous slack. If the shoulder belt fits properly, do not use the clip. If the clip is needed to keep the belt from crossing the neck or face, supervise the child very closely or select a different model.

When a booster should not be used
If your car does not have shoulder belts in the back seat, a booster seat cannot be used. You may be able to have shoulder belts installed in an older car for the outboard (side) seating positions. Check with your vehicle dealer or call SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. for a list of shoulder belt retrofit kits available from vehicle manufacturers (#640 at www.carseat.org). If a retrofit kit is not available, consider installing a harness* to protect older children and adults in the back seat. If your child is too large for a typical safety seat with its own harness and is under 3-4 years old or extremely active, he or she is probably is not ready to sit still in a lap and shoulder belt with a booster. You need a larger seat or a travel vest to keep the child properly seated and secured (see list below).

Products for seating positions with no shoulder belts or for large children under age 3-4
Britax Boulevard, Decathlon, or Marathon (5-65 lbs.); Britax Regent (22-80 lbs.); E-Z-On vests and harnesses (various sizes available); Safety Angel Ride Ryte Booster (may be used with E-Z-On harnesses); Safe Traffic System Ride Safer Travel Vest.

(See other side for a list of boosters)
Belt-Positioning Booster Seats
No internal harness. Must be used with vehicle lap and shoulder belts. Child should be at least 3-4 years old and able to stay seated with the belts properly positioned. Recommend not using belt guide unless shoulder belt is scraping child’s neck.

Belt-Positioning Boosters with Adjustable Headrest
Recommended for best positioning of shoulder belt, to keep sleeping child placed properly in belt, and for head support in vehicles with low seatback.

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Backless Boosters – Acceptable if child’s head is supported by vehicle seatback.

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Highback, Belt-Positioning Boosters – Back is not removable. Do not use if shoulder belt is not touching child’s shoulder and chest or lap belt is not touching top of child’s thighs. Caution: if child leans forward, make sure belt guide does not prevent the shoulder belt from retracting properly to take out the slack.

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Boosters Are For Big Kids

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The 5-Step Test

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
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 make both the shoulder belt and the lap belt fit right for the best crash protection. Your child will be more comfortable, too!

The back seat is the safest part of the car for all passengers. Recent research shows that children should ride in the back seat until they reach age 15.
Does Your Child Need a Booster Seat?

Young children who are placed in vehicle belts rather than booster seats are 59% more likely to suffer devastating injuries, including severe damage to the brain, liver, spleen, and spinal cord. Most children need to use a booster seat from about age four until at least age 8-10 for maximum protection and improved comfort in the car.

Q-My child is five years old. Isn't she old enough to use a regular safety belt now?
A-No. Vehicle seats and belts are designed for adult bodies. For children who have outgrown a safety seat with a harness, a booster seat is needed to keep the lap belt on the upper thighs and the shoulder belt centered on the shoulder and chest.

Q-Why is it important for children who have outgrown car seats to use boosters?
A-Children over four have a higher rate of injury than younger children for several reasons. Many of them place the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back. They tend to ride out of position, either sliding forward to the edge of the vehicle seat or slouching downward. Fewer children in this age group are buckled up, perhaps because vehicle seats and belts are not comfortable for them.

Q-How can I tell when my child has outgrown his car seat?
A-Children should ride in a safety seat with a complete harness system as long as possible. Most seats with a harness fit children up to 40 pounds, but a tall, thin child may be too tall for a “convertible” seat, the type that faces either rearward or forward, before reaching the maximum weight. If the child’s shoulders are above the top slots, try a combination child seat/booster with higher strap slots. The harness may be used up to 40 pounds or more, depending on the model. The harness is then removed, and the seat can be used as a belt-positioning booster up to 80 pounds or more.

Q-What about children who outgrow their safety seats before age four?
A-Most 2-year-olds and many 3-year-olds are too immature to sit still in a booster with a lap and shoulder belt, which allows them to lean forward or sideways. Parents should consider getting a larger seat or a harness system for younger or more active children who outgrow their safety seats.

Q-What about cars with only lap belts in the back seat?
A-Never use a booster with only a lap belt! Although two shoulder belts have been required in vehicle back seats since 1989, many families have cars with lap-only belts in the center or older cars with no rear shoulder belts. Call SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. or go to www.carseat.org for information about safety seats to fit larger children (#627).

Q-Should I use a booster with a shield or get one of those adjusters that attaches to the belt?
A-None of the boosters with shields pass current federal safety standards for children over 40 pounds. Belt-positioning devices, such as clips or fabric sleeves that connect the shoulder and lap portions of the belt, are not required to meet federal safety standards. Tests by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that they reduced effectiveness of the shoulder belt. They also tend to pull the lap portion of the belt up on the soft tummy area.

Q-How can I tell when my child is big enough to use the vehicle belt without a booster?
A-It depends on the height of the child, the shape of the vehicle seat, and where the belts are attached to the vehicle. The shoulder belt should cross the center of the shoulder and chest. The lap portion of the belt should be low and snug, crossing the hip bones or upper thighs. Check that your child's legs are long enough so the knees bend comfortably at the edge of the seat. Otherwise, the child will tend to slide forward to the edge of the seat or slouch downward, which can cause the lap belt to ride up too high. Make sure the child sits up straight, with the entire back touching the vehicle seatback, and stays properly seated throughout the trip.

(Over) Try the 5-Step Test to find out if your child needs a booster seat.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. P.O. Box 553, Altadena, CA 91003 www.carseat.org #630 Pg. 2 (7-11-05)
Try the 5-Step Test Today!

Note: This exercise is suitable for children from about age 3-4 up to age 10-12 who are not using a booster. It shows how boosters can improve belt fit and comfort in the car.

(Please print)
Name of child ________________________  Age _____  Weight _____ Height_____  
Child’s home city _______________________________________ Zip __________

Have the child get ready for a “pretend” ride by sitting in the car and buckling up with the lap and shoulder belt in the back seat. Answer the following the questions:

1. Is the child sitting tall so his/her whole back is touching the seatback? ___Yes     ___ No  
   (If no, please ask the child to move all the way back before continuing.)

2. Do the child’s knees bend comfortably at the edge of the seat? ___Yes     ___ No

3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm? ___Yes     ___ No

4. Is the lap belt touching the tops of the legs? ___Yes     ___ No

5. Can the child can sit like this for the whole trip? ___Yes     ___ No

If the answer to any of these questions is “no,” the child needs a booster seat to ride safely in the car. Exception: A special product (large seat or harness/vest) is needed if ...there are no shoulder belts in the back seat of the car OR ...if the child is very active or over 40 lbs. and under age 3-4.

How is the child usually buckled up? ___ Safety seat with harness  ___ Booster  
___ Lap and shoulder belt  ___ Lap-only belt

Was a sample booster tried? ___Yes     ___ No

Improvements with booster: Position of ___ Knees ___ Shoulder belt ___ Lap belt

Do you plan to get a booster for this child? ___Yes     ___ No

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SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.  P.O. Box 553, Altadena, CA 91003  www.carseat.org  
310/222-6860, 800/745-SAFE (English)  310/222-6862, 800/747-SANO (Spanish)

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#634 (7-26-05)
Child Passenger Safety Resources and Technical Materials

IF YOUR PROGRAM INCLUDES . . .
√ Safety seat checkups
√ Safety seat loan or low-cost purchase programs
√ Law enforcement checkpoints for child restraint use
√ Teaching parents how to use car seats correctly
. . . YOU NEED THESE TOOLS:

Protect your program from liability by using accurate, up-to-date materials. Don’t take a chance with a child’s life!


Part 1: Reference and Teaching Guide. This guide, used in the eight-hour SafetyBeltSafe Educator Workshop, contains curricula for health professionals, statistics, information on laws and regulations, sample speech outlines, resource lists, up-to-date technical information, and guides for safety seat distribution program development, special needs transport, and early childhood programs. Part 2: CD with Child Restraint Manufacturer Instructions and Summary Sheets (see next item for details). $50 plus $7.50 shipping/handling (Order #45-49).

Child Restraint Manufacturers’ Instructions with Summary Sheets (#450)
Compilation of complete manufacturers’ instructions for child restraints made after April 1996 with summary sheets developed by SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. Summary sheets provide revised recommendations from manufacturers, minimum and maximum weights, first and last dates made, harness threading and belt path diagrams, and identification photos. The digital compilation was originally created under a contract with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and has been updated several times. The new CD, available from SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. in September 2005, will include 86 new and revised instructions in addition to all of the instructions on the 2003 CD (the last version provided by NHTSA to participants in Certification courses). CD: single copy: $10; $8 each for 100+; $7 each for 250+; $5 each for 500+ (Order #450CD).

High-quality (digital) printouts: Call for price (Order #450P).

Color Pictorial Guide to Child Restraints
This collection of color photos makes it easier to identify child restraints inspected at events when model names are missing. The model name is essential to find the correct instructions and check the recall list. $50 each plus $5 shipping/handling (Order #50).

List of Recalls and Replacement Parts for Child Restraints
Revised every time there is a new recall, the SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. list is the most comprehensive recall list available. In addition to official recalls, it includes information about other replacement parts provided voluntarily by manufacturers. Safety seats without a recall also are listed, which prevents the dangerous error of assuming there is no recall if the correct name of the seat is not recognized. $10 including shipping/handling for reproducible master. (Order #179) Included in packet for new and renewing members.

Subscriptions Recommended for CPS Technicians, Instructors, and Program Managers
Check appropriate boxes on order form. Subscriptions are based on a calendar year.

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Resources for Community Programs

BROCHURES IN COLOR: May be ordered in quantity for distribution by your group.

“Protect Your Baby Now . . . And Later.” Shows the pregnant woman why she should wear her safety belt for her baby's sake. Explains how to select and properly use safety seats for newborns. 15¢ each plus shipping/handling. Single copies free. (Order #184A English or #184S Spanish)

“The Perfect Gift: Your Child’s Safety.” Describes how to choose and use car safety seats correctly, including a list of current models available. 26th Edition (revised August 2005). 15¢ each plus shipping/handling. Single copies free. (Order #26 English or #27 Spanish)

“Safety Belt Roulette.” Revised August 2005. Humorous drawings; quiz on passenger safety myths. 4th grade through adult. 15¢ each plus shipping/handling. Single copies free. (Order #4)

BASIC BROCHURES: “Keep Your Children Safe, Buckle Them Up!”
Low reading level, basic informational brochures in many languages. Available with or without California laws regarding child passengers and unattended children in vehicles. 12¢ each plus shipping/handling. Single copy free. Available in the following languages:

#28 English   #33 Russian   #96 Korean   #119 Armenian   #150 Cambodian
#29 Spanish   #94 Chinese   #97 Tagalog   #121 Vietnamese   #183 Farsi

For a Shopping Guide (list of current child restraints) to insert in each brochure, add 5¢ each. (Order #28i English, #29i Spanish)

“NO EXCUSE” POSTERS feature four different messages based on common excuses for not buckling up children on every ride: #1 Child on lap   #2 They may scream   #3 It takes an adult   #4 It’s a hassle
Sample set of four posters in English or Spanish for no charge except shipping/handling $5 per set. Larger quantities available free; shipping/handling will be invoiced. Sponsored by Nissan North America and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. (Order Posters #1-4 English or #1-4 Spanish)

SPECIAL RESOURCES FOR BOOSTER PROGRAMS
“Boosters Are For Big Kids” Kit by SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. This kit includes curriculum for grades K-3, video or DVD, 11” x 17” poster, English and Spanish bumper stickers, sample brochure, letters to parents (English or Spanish), letter to teachers/volunteers, booster “rap,” masters for homework and classroom activity, and reproducible information sheets for parents (English or Spanish). $25 plus $10 shipping/handling. (Order #700V for kit with video or #700DVD for kit with DVD.)

“Boosters Are For Big Kids” poster. $3 plus shipping/handling. (Order #701)

“Boosters Are For Big Kids” video or DVD. 3 minutes for children; 4 minutes for adults (English and Spanish). $10 plus shipping/handling. (Order #702V for video or #702DVD for DVD.)

“Boosters Are For Big Kids” bumper sticker. $1 includes shipping/handling. “School bus yellow” background with black (English) or red (Spanish) print; 5-Step Test printed on peel-off backing. Available in English (Order Bumper-2) or Spanish (Bumper-3).

“5-Step Test” poster. Laminated, black and white poster for teaching. Lists the 5 Steps and shows pictures of a child with and without a booster. $7 plus shipping/handling. (Order Poster #5)
POSTER TO INVITE HIGH SCHOOLERS TO BUCKLE UP, donated by Garry Brod, photographer. "FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS" tops a color photo of a Ferrari above the shadow of an F-16 aircraft, size 3 feet x 2 feet. (Order Poster #6) Request 4 posters at no charge except shipping/handling $5 per 4. Larger quantities available free; shipping/handling will be invoiced.

TEACHER’S GUIDE: A POSITIVE APPROACH TO TEACHING PASSENGER SAFETY TO YOUNG CHILDREN (Bucklebear) by Dillman, Leonard, and Chang (6th Edition) -- This guide presents a comprehensive program for teaching passenger safety to nursery school age children (3 to 5 years) -- and to their parents. The program was developed at UCLA with an innovative grant from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Restraint use doubled at schools participating in the pilot program, and the curriculum was enthusiastically received by children, parents, teachers, and administrators. Described activities can be easily adapted to existing materials. The Guide also can be used with "Riding with Bucklebear" materials by Weiner/Seaman Productions. With binder, $18; loose pages, $15 plus $5 shipping/handling. (Order #86)

BLUE AND BLACK ON WHITE REFLECTORIZED ALUMINUM SIGNS
$18 or $25 or $40 plus shipping and handling

12” x 12” -- $18
24” x 24” -- $25
36” x 36” -- $40
(Order Get It Sign 12 or 24)

10% discount on signs for current SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. members
(Include your member number on the order form.)

BUCKLE UP FAMILY SHIRTS with the Buckle Up Family drawing on back, white design on blue shirt. Adult knit polo shirt, large and X-large, $20, and child small (6-8) and child large (14-16), $12, plus shipping/handling.

BUMPER STICKERS
“Love Your Kids? Buckle 'Em Up!” $1 includes shipping/handling. Red letters on white background. (Order Bumper-1)

“Boosters Are For Big Kids” bumper sticker. $1 includes shipping/handling. “School bus yellow” background with black (English) or red (Spanish) print; 5-Step Test printed on peel-off backing. Available in English (Order Bumper-2) or Spanish (Bumper-3).

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**SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.**

**Form for Orders, Memberships, and Donations**

(Please print or type)

First Name ____________________________ Last Name ____________________________

Organization _________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________

City ______________________________________ State _____ Zip ________________

Telephone (Home) ________________________ (Work) ____________________________

Fax __________________________________________________________________________

E-Mail* ______________________________________________________________________

☐ Check or money order enclosed. ☐ Purchase Order # ________________

☐ Visa/Mastercard # ____________________________ Exp. Date ________________

Name on Card ____________________________ Signature ________________________

* E-mail address is required to receive passwords for access to Recall List and CPS Tech Update.

**Please help us save children's lives by donating to SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. today! Personalized cards are available if you would like to make a donation in honor of a loved one or for a special occasion.**

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All memberships/subscriptions are for the calendar year and include *SafetyBeltSafe News.* Those at $200 or more automatically receive *Safe Ride News.*

**Check below** if you want to receive one of our special subscriptions.

$50 minimum: Recall Update Service _by e-mail or _by regular mail (if necessary)

$100 minimum: _CPS Tech Access (online access to new instructions) Also check above for Recall Updates._

$125 Tech Special: _All of the above, *Safe Ride News* through calendar year, and CD with mfr. instructions_

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Subtotal

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Shipping charges

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Grand total $________

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