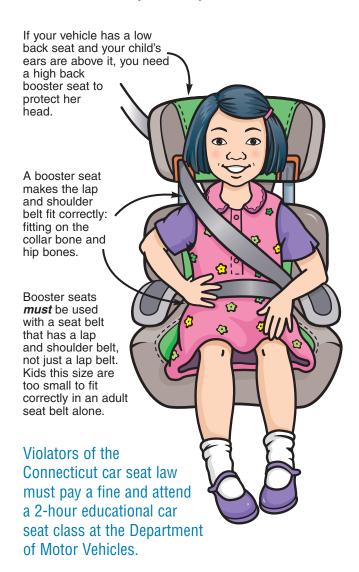
## Kids Should Be in Booster Seats Until the Seat Belt Fits

usually until they are between 8 to 10 years old.

Connecticut law requires children to be in a booster seat until they reach a minimum of 60 pounds and they turn 7 years old.



## **Booster Seats 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?

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

#### The 5-Step Test

- 1. Does the child sit all the way back against the vehicle seat?
- 2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the vehicle seat?
- 3. Does the seat 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!

For more information on car seats or to find out where to get your car seat checked in your area, please contact:

**Safe Kids Connecticut** 

(860) 837-5318

To get more information on the Safe Kids coalition in your area, please go to www.ctsafekids.org

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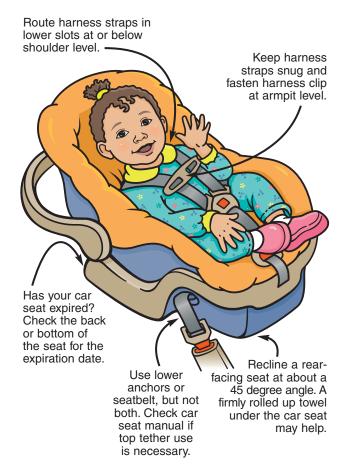
## Only 1 Out of 5 Car Seats in Connecticut is Used Properly.



## Infants Should Be in Rear-Facing Car Seats Until They Are 2 Years Old

or until they reach the height or the weight limit of their car seat.

CT law requires infants to ride rear-facing until they are a **minimum** of one year old and 20 pounds.



Infants *must* ride in the back seat facing the rear of the vehicle. This offers the best protection for your infant's head, neck and spine.

## Make Sure Your Child is Riding Safely.

Below are "To Do" lists for in the car and at home.

#### In the Car "To Do" List:

Attach my car seat using either the seat belt or the LATCH, but not both.

If my car seat is forward-facing, I've attached the top tether strap to the tether anchor.

My car seat does not move more than 1 inch side-toside when I pull on it. (Test it at the belt path where the seat belt or LATCH belt enters the car seat.)

#### In the Home "To Do" List:

Make an appointment to get my car seat checked by a certified car seat technician. Visit www.ctsafekids.org for information on your closest fitting station.

Check to make sure my car seat is not recalled. www.safercar.gov or 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

Mail in my car seat registration card to the manufacturer so any information on recalls will be sent directly to me.

I am not using a car seat that has been in a CRASH. For NHTSA's (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) recommendation on use of a car seat after a crash, http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/childps/ChildRestraints/ReUse/index.htm or call your car seat manufacturer.

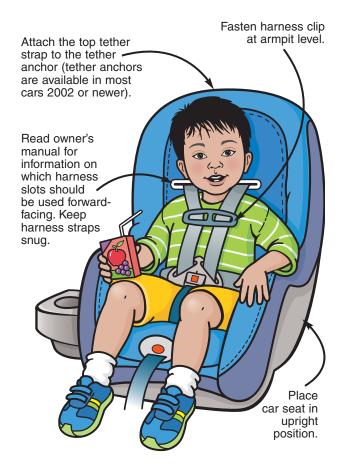






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# Toddlers Should Be Forward-Facing Only After They Outgrow Their Rear-Facing Car Seats.



### **Keep Kids in Car Seats Longer:**

Even kids 4 years old and older should remain in a car seat until they reach the height or weight limit of their car seat.

Once reached, then kids can be in a hooster seat.