It’s Booster Seat Time!

Who needs a booster seat? Big kids, at least until they are 8 years old by law!

If your child has outgrown a forward-facing child safety seat, it’s booster seat time! **This usually occurs when the child weighs more than 40 pounds or is more than 40 inches in height.**

- Install correctly! Just like car safety seats, booster seats need to be installed correctly for safety. Read the booster seat instructions.
- **Booster seats must be used with a combination lap and shoulder belts.**
- Children should never place the shoulder belt behind their backs or under their arms.
- And keep that booster seat buckled in even if your child is not in the car! During a sudden stop, an empty unbelted booster seat could fly around the vehicle causing injury.

Did you know there are two major types of belt-positioning booster seats?

1. Backless or low-back booster seats are used in vehicles with a high seat back in which the child’s head can be supported by the vehicle seat back or head restraint.
2. High-back booster seats are used in vehicles with a low seat back where there is no vehicle seat back or head restraint to support the child’s head and neck.

**IMPORTANT! Back seat is ALWAYS BEST!**

All front seat passengers must use a seat belt or child restraint. It is not illegal for a child passenger to ride in the front seat of a vehicle that has a passenger air bag, **but it is VERY dangerous!**