





Kansas and Missouri Car Seat and Booster Seat Law

4 STEPS FOR KIDS			
			
INFANT	TODDLER	BOOSTER	SAFETY BELT
Step 1 Infant	Children under 1 year old and 20 pounds must ride in a rear facing child seat		
Step 2 Toddler	Children ages 1, 2, 3 must be properly restrained in a forward facing child seat		
Step 3 Booster	Children ages 4, 5, 6, 7 must be restrained in a belt positioning booster seat unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child weighs more than 80 pounds • The child is taller than 4'9" • Only a lap seat belt is available 		
Step 4 Safety Belt	KS: Children ages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and in MO: Children ages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,15 must be restrained with a seat belt		
Exemptions	All vehicle seat belts in use. School buses, for "hire" vehicles,		
Penalty	KS: \$60 plus court cost MO \$50 plus court cost Fine is waived if violator shows proof of acquisition of appropriate restraint to court or citing agency		

For more information about child safety seats, booster seats, inspection stations in your area, safety belts, air bags, and other Child Passenger Safety issues contact NurseLine 816-932-6220.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do children of ages 4,5,6,7 need to ride in a booster seat?

Seat belts are made for adults and do not “fit” children under 4’9” properly. Boosters protect children so that the shoulder and lap seat belt are properly positioned. Boosters reduce the risk of injury by 59% as compared to using only seat belts.

What kind of booster does my child need?

There are two types: a high back booster and a backless booster. Both must be used with a lap/shoulder seat belt.

- *A high back booster provides head and neck support can be used in all vehicles with a lap/shoulder seat belt.*
- *A backless booster should be used with built in head restraint (head rest).*



Where do I buy a booster and how much does it cost?

Booster seats are available at department stores, toy stores and other retail stores. A backless booster costs about \$15 and a high back booster cost from about \$25 to over \$100. All car seats must meet the FMVSS 213 regardless of the price.

Get Help!

ON THE WEB

Go to www.nhtsa.dot.gov and choose Child Passenger Safety from the menu or click on the child safety seat logo. The site includes child safety seat installation tips, product ratings, recalls, and other useful information.

NEAR YOU

- Safe Kids of Metro KC 816-283-6242X244
- Safe Kids of Johnson County KS 913-477-8312
- Western MO and KS Safety Health Council 816-842-5223 X226
- Your local Police Department (Traffic Division)
- KS Highway Patrol 913-782-8100
- MO Highway Patrol 816-622-0800