

# Booster Car Passenger Seat Installation

## Safe Kids Worldwide Installation Tips

YouTube: Safe Kids Worldwide Car Seat Guide Video Series

Website: Safe Kids Worldwide Ultimate Car Seat Guide

## What you will need

- Car passenger seat manual
  - Online if needed
- Vehicle guidebook
- Child's height and weight (if possible)

## Step-by-Step Instructions

- 1) Is the child 4 years old or older?
  - a. Yes, then can install a booster without harness
    - i. Booster seats may have high backs, removable high backs or be backless
  - b. No, then child must stay in a car passenger seat with a harness
    - i. **This is SC Law (see image below)**
- 2) Has the car passenger seat ever been in a car accident?
  - a. No, then you may use it
  - b. **Yes! Do no use and replace car passenger seat**
- 3) Check expiration date or manufacture date on car seat
  - a. Reference car seat manual or sticker on the bottom of the car passenger seat
  - b. **Discard if expired, and replace car passenger seat**
- 4) Check recall list: <https://www.safercar.gov/>
  - a. Have make, model and manufacture date ready to reference
- 5) Check the height and weight guidelines for the car passenger seat (reference manual or stickers on seat)
  - a. If child is not within height and weight guideline ranges, use a different car passenger seat
  - b. Child's top of head **MUST BE AT LEAST 1" (2.5 cm) BELOW** the top of the car passenger seat
    1. If less than an inch to the top, use a different car passenger seat
- 6) Booster seats are held in place by the child's weight and the vehicle's lap-and-shoulder belt
  - a. Reference car passenger seat manual on how to install
- 7) Have your child sit in the booster seat
  - a. Pull the lap-shoulder belt across your child's body and buckle the seat belt
  - b. Adjust the lap-shoulder belt so it lies snugly across the child's upper thighs, not across the stomach
  - c. Adjust the shoulder belt so it rests across the chest
  - d. If your car passenger seat has seat belt guides (usually red in color), use them to help with lap-shoulder belt placement (reference car seat manual or stickers)

## If you need more assistance, please contact:

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# New South Carolina Child Passenger Safety Law



## Rear-Facing Car Seat

An infant under 2 must be secured in a rear-facing car seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the height or weight limit allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat.



## Forward-Facing Car Seat

A child at least age 2 **or** under 2 who has outgrown the manufacturer's height or weight limits for a rear-facing car seat must be secured in a forward-facing car seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the highest height or weight requirements of the forward-facing car seat.



## Booster Seat

Children at least age 4 who have outgrown their forward-facing car seat must be secured by a booster seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child can meet the height and fit requirements for an adult safety seat belt. Lap **and** shoulder belts must be used.



## Seat Belt

A child at least age 8 **or** at least 57 inches tall may be restrained by an adult safety belt ***if the child can be secured properly by an adult safety seat belt.***



To view the complete text of the new law, visit the Buckle Up, South Carolina website at: [buckleupsc.com/safety\\_seat\\_law.asp](http://buckleupsc.com/safety_seat_law.asp)