

Maryland's Child Passenger Safety Law Has Changed

(Effective June 30, 2008)

- **Every child** under 8 years old must ride in a booster seat or other appropriate child safety seat.*

Unless the child is 4 feet, 9 inches or taller, or weighs more than 65 pounds.

- **Every child** from 8 to 16 years old who is not secured in a car seat must be secured in the vehicle's seat belt.



Protect your children as they ride!

The back seat is the safest. Children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat.



Questions?

Call **Maryland Kids In Safety Seats (KISS)**

at 1-800-370-SEAT or
(410) 767-6016.

Or visit us online at www.mdkiss.org

* "Child safety seat" includes infant seats, convertible seats, forward-facing seats, booster seats, or other federally approved safety devices.

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Martin O'Malley, *Governor*

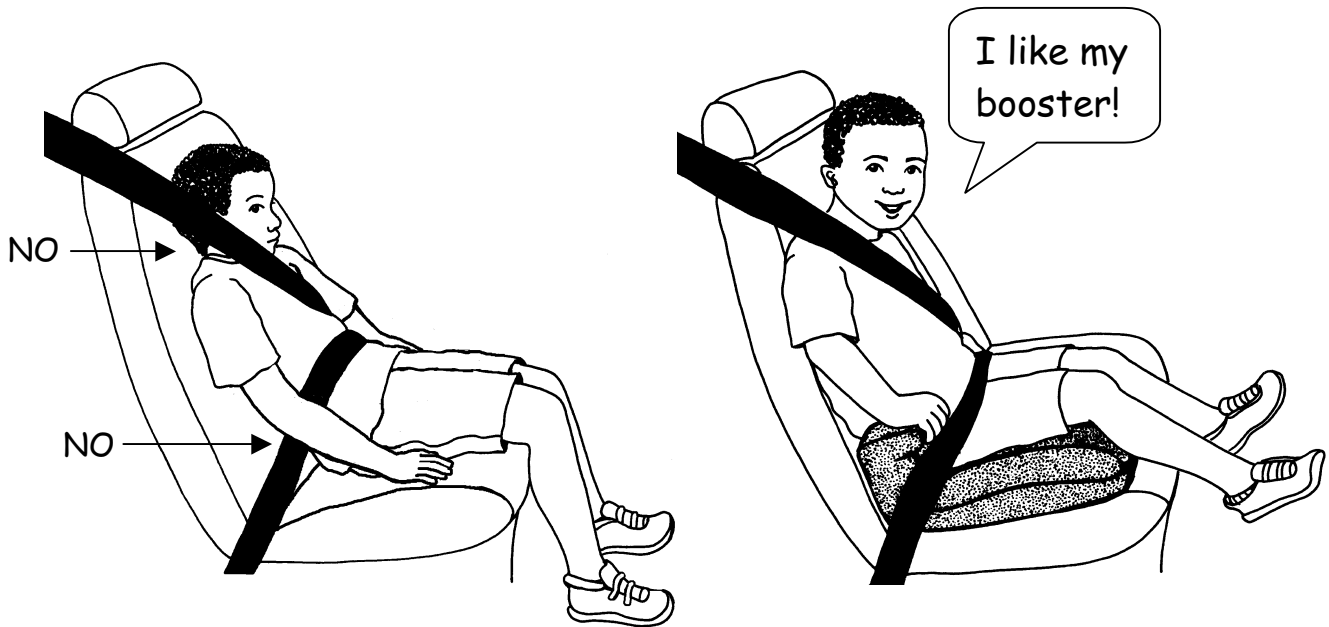
Anthony G. Brown, *Lt. Governor*

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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?



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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