

#### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TIPS

USE A BOOSTER SEAT WITH THE VEHICLE LAP AND SHOULDER SAFETY BELTS UNTIL YOUR CHILD PASSES THE FOLLOWING SAFETY BELT FIT TEST:

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CHILDREN ARE USUALLY BETWEEN 8 AND 12 YEARS OLD WHEN THE SEAT BELT FITS THEM PROPERLY. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL HELP TELL YOU WHEN THEY ARE READY!

- YOUR CHILD'S KNEES SHOULD BEND AT THE EDGE OF THE SEAT WHEN THEIR BACKS AND BOTTOMS ARE AGAINST THE VEHICLE SEAT BACK: AND
- THE VEHICLE LAP BELT SHOULD FIT ACROSS THE UPPER THIGHS; AND
- THE SHOULDER BELT SHOULD FIT ACROSS THE SHOULDER AND CHEST.

ONCE YOUR CHILDREN PASS THE SAFETY BELT FIT TEST, TEACH THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF USING SEAT BELTS ON EVERY RIDE, WHETHER THEY'RE WITH YOU OR NOT. THIS IS A HABIT YOU CAN INSTILL AT AN EARLY AGE. IF THEY LEARN THIS LESSON EARLY, THEY'LL BE MORE LIKELY TO BUCKLE UP WHEN THEY'RE OLDER OR WHEN YOU'RE NOT AROUND.

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#3

KIDS ARE VIPS - JUST ASK THEM. VIPS RIDE IN THE BACK SEAT, SO KEEP ALL KIDS IN THE BACK SEAT UNTIL THEY ARE 13.

WHEN ADULTS WEAR SEAT BELTS, KIDS WEAR SEAT BELTS. SO BE A GOOD EXAMPLE AND BUCKLE UP FOR EVERY RIDE. BE SURE EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE BUCKLES UP TOO. #4

#5

A LAP AND SHOULDER BELT PROVIDES THE BEST PROTECTION FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND SHOULD BE USED ON EVERY RIDE.

WE KNOW KIDS LIKE TO SLOUCH OR LEAN AGAINST THE WINDOWS DURING THE DRIVE, BUT IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF SAFETY. HAVE YOUR CHILDREN SIT UPRIGHT WHEN USING SEAT BELTS.

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## HARD FACTS

SEAT BELTS SAVE ALMOST 13,000 LIVES A YEAR. COMPARED WITH OTHER AGE GROUPS, TEENS HAVE THE LOWEST RATE OF SEAT BELT USE. ONLY 53 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORTED ALWAYS WEARING A SEAT BELT WHEN RIDING WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

### **WORD SEARCH**

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BOOSTER BUCKLED CLICK

FASTENED HARNESS LABEL LAP SAFETY SEATBELT SHOULDER SNUG VIP



#### CHANGE CAR SEAT OVER TIME

AFTER YOUR CHILD IS AT LEAST 2 YEARS OLD AND IS TOO BIG FOR A REAR-FACING CAR SEAT, PUT HIM IN A FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT WITH A 5-POINT HARNESS AND TOP TETHER. USE THAT CAR SEAT UNTIL YOUR CHILD OUTGROWS THE WEIGHT OR HEIGHT LIMIT ALLOWED FOR THAT CAR SEAT.

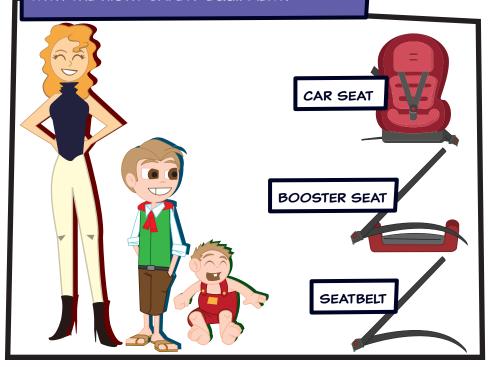
IF YOUR CHILD'S WEIGHT REACHES THE LIMIT FOR USING THE LOWER ATTACHMENTS, YOU WILL NEED TO SWITCH FROM USING LOWER ATTACHMENTS WITH TOP TETHER TO USING A SEAT BELT WITH TOP TETHER.

YOUR CHILD MAY NEED A FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT WITH A HARNESS THAT HAS A HIGHER WEIGHT OR HEIGHT LIMIT BEFORE MOVING TO A BOOSTER SEAT.

AFTER YOUR CHILD GETS TOO BIG FOR THE WEIGHT OR HEIGHT LIMITS OF THE FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT, PUT YOUR CHILD IN A BOOSTER SEAT USED WITH THE VEHICLE LAP AND SHOULDER SEAT BELT.

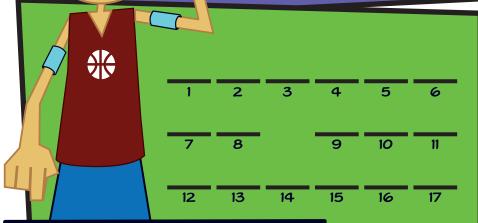
## MIX 'N' MATCH

WHILE RIDING IN A CAR, EVERYONE SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY SAFE! MATCH THE CHARACTER WITH THE RIGHT SAFETY EQUIPMENT!



COLOR THE LETTERS THAT HAVE NUMBERS IN THEM. MATCH THEM TO THE NUMBERS IN THE SPACES BELOW TO DECODE THE PHRASE!





## **DO THE PINCH TEST...**

DO THE PINCH TEST TO MAKE SURE THE HARNESS IS SNUG ENOUGH.

AFTER YOU BUCKLE AND TIGHTEN THE HARNESS, PINCH THE HARNESS AT THE SHOULDER. IF THE HARNESS IS SNUG, YOUR FINGERS WILL SLIDE OFF THE WEBBING. IF THE HARNESS IS LOOSE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PINCH THE WEBBING BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS. A LOOSE HARNESS IS A COMMON MISTAKE AND IS NOT SAFE. KEEP TIGHTENING THE HARNESS UNTIL IT PASSES THE PINCH TEST.

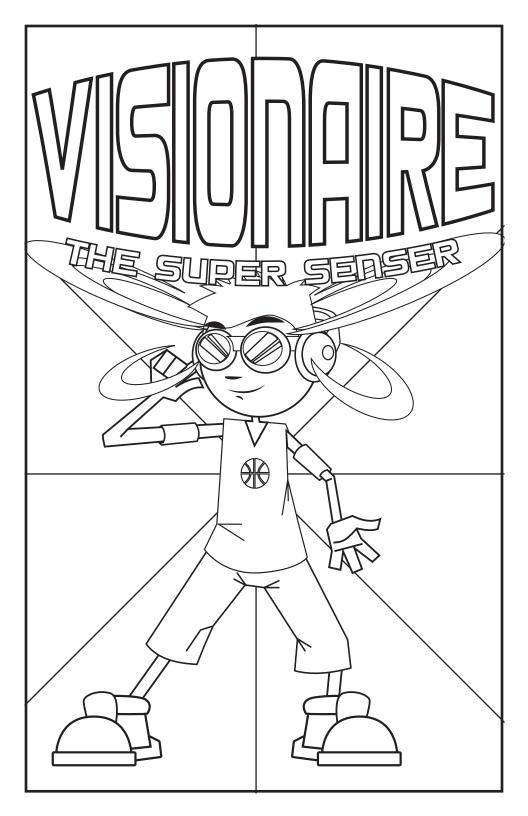




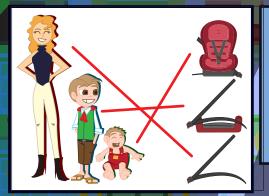








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