

# Child Passenger Safety Recommendations

Information from your health care provider  
and Safe Kids Grand Forks

## When to move into a booster seat



- » The minimum standard is for children to be in a forward facing car seat with a harness system until at least age 4 and 40 pounds.
- » Many seats have higher harness weights (from 50 - 80+ pounds) that when used, will keep a child safer longer. A 5-point harness provides the best protection in a crash. It is recommended to use a harness as long as possible.
- » The child has outgrown their car seat with a harness when they have reached the upper weight limit of the seat, the top of the child's ears are above the top of the seat or the harness strap is below the shoulders.
- » Remember to use the top tether on your car seat according to the car seat and vehicle manufacturer's directions.
- » Your child should always ride in the back seat if they are 12 years old or younger.

To determine if your child is ready to ride in a booster and to find a car seat check-up event in your area, visit Safe Kids Grand Forks at [www.safekidsgf.com](http://www.safekidsgf.com).



# Carpool Safety Checklist

Transporting your child safely is important – transporting someone else's child is just as important. When your child is riding in a carpool with someone else or other children are riding with you, please make sure you can say "Yes" to all the following items:

## Before the Ride

- » The person driving the carpool is a responsible, trusted person who has their driver's license and carries auto insurance.
- » Before the driver gets into the car, they walk completely around the car – looking for kids, toys and pets.

## During the Ride

- » Each child rides in a car seat, booster seat or seat belt, based on individual age, weight and height.
- » Each child has their own seat belt system to hold them, the booster seat or car seat.
- » Each child 12 and under is riding in the back seat.
- » Airbags have been disabled for children who must ride in the front seat (front seat location is NOT recommended.)
- » The driver knows how to use a booster seat or car seat correctly for the children they transport.
- » The car does not start until every person is properly buckled.

## After the Ride

- » All children exit the car on the curb side.
- » Once children exit the car, the driver waits until they are safely supervised before driving off.
- » Never leave children alone in the car, not even for a minute.
- » Keep the vehicle locked so kids cannot play in the car when an adult is not there.
- » Each child has seen and knows how the glow in the dark emergency trunk handle works in an emergency.