



According to Illinois law, children must remain in an appropriate car seat or booster seat until their 8th birthday, however, many children this age are still too small to properly use the adult seat belt. To see if your child is ready to graduate from the booster seat to the seat belt, consider these five questions:

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the vehicle seat?
2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the vehicle 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 the answer to any of these questions is NO, then the child is not ready to use an adult seat belt. Continue to use the booster seat until the adult seat belt fits appropriately.

Take the 5-Step Test for every child and every car since no two are the same.



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