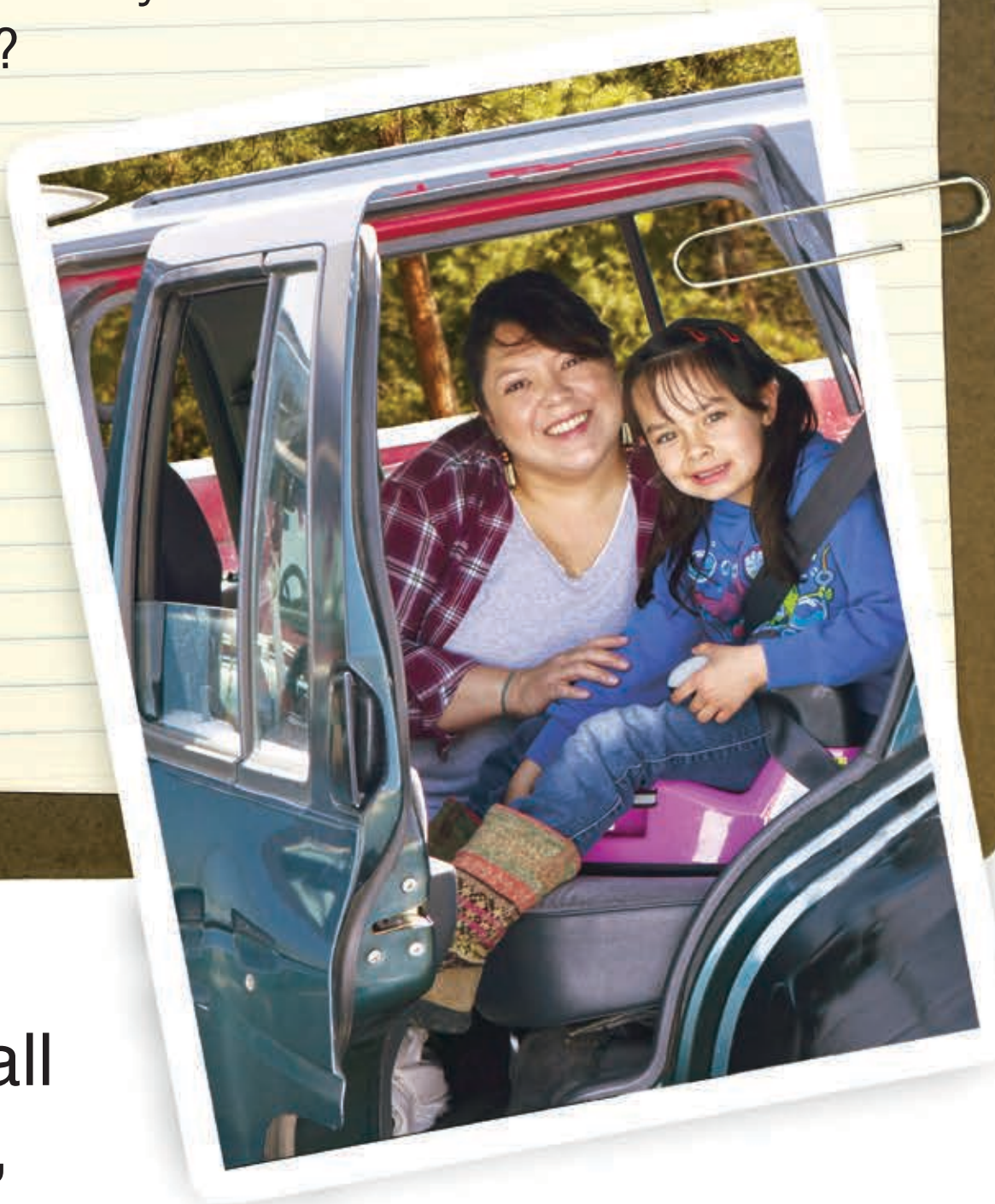


# Booster seat or seat belt?

## *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?



When you can answer **YES** to all these questions, then your child may transition to using a seat belt in the back seat.

See: <http://www.carseat.org/Boosters/630.htm> for more information.

# Child Safety Seats Are Non-Negotiable

*It's Oregon Law.*



- Infants ride in **rear-facing** seats until they are 20 pounds and are 1 year of age.
- Oregon law requires that children over 1 year old and between 20 and 40 pounds be restrained with a **forward facing** child safety seat up to 40 pounds or the weight limit of the seat.
- Children over 40 pounds ride in **booster seats** until age 8, or they are 4'9" in height.
- Children who are age 8 or over 4'9" tall must be properly secured with the **safety belt system**, preferably in the **back seat** until they are 13 years of age.

# We Came Here On Purpose

*Let's Not Leave By Accident.*



- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional deaths for American Indians ages 1-44
- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury and death for American Indian/Alaskan Native children.
- Most of these deaths are preventable.
- In a recent study in Chiloquin and Klamath Falls, 14% of Native children were unrestrained.



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# Every Ride Should Be A Safe Ride

## *Did You Know?*



*This picture illustrates a common mistake that children often make when they buckle themselves. The belt should actually be between the arm rest and the seat.*

- 3 out of 4 car seats are installed incorrectly.
- A certified technician can make sure your car seat is installed correctly.

Contact **Kootsie Cunial**, Child-Passenger Safety Technician and Native CARS site coordinator, at 541-274-1988 or at [kootsiecunial@gmail.com](mailto:kootsiecunial@gmail.com) for more information or to set up a safety seat check.