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## SEAT BELTS

- Children age 12 and under should always ride in the back seat.
- Lap belt should rest low and snug across the upper thighs, and center the shoulder strap on the shoulder, across the chest.
- Never tuck the belt under an arm or wrap it behind the back.
- A child wearing a belt should be able to sit all the way back against the vehicle seat back with his or her knees bent comfortably over the edge of the seat.

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- Make sure children get to the bus stop on time and that they stand five giant steps away from the road and avoid rough play.
- Children should always cross in front of the bus.
- When crossing, children should take eight giant steps away from the bus to be sure the bus driver can see them.

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## BOOSTER SEATS

- Boosters are seat-lifts that help adult seat belts fit children correctly. They are for children usually starting around age 4 and after they have outgrown a forward-facing seat.
- Boosters are required by law in Minnesota. Children must ride in a booster until they are age 8 or 4 feet 9 inches tall — whichever comes first. It is recommended to keep a child in a booster based on their size rather than age.
- Boosters must be used with lap and shoulder belts.

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## BICYCLE HELMET SAFETY

- Bicycle riders should always wear helmets.
- Make sure the helmet fits low on the forehead so that two fingers fit between it and the eyebrows.

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## FORWARD-FACING CHILD SAFETY SEATS

- For children who are at least 1 year old to about age 4 and weigh 20 to 40 pounds.

## STREET CROSSING SAFETY

- Before crossing the street, parents and children should stop and look left-right-left for oncoming traffic.
- Once traffic has passed, cross quickly, while continuing to look both ways.
- Children do not have the skills and judgment to cross alone until they are at least age 10.

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## REAR-FACING CHILD SAFETY SEATS

- For infants from birth to at least 1 year old and to at least 20 pounds. It is recommended to keep a child rear-facing until age 2 if possible.
- Infants in these seats should never ride in front seat of a vehicle with passenger-side air bags.

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