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169.685.4a(a)(1)



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169.685.4a(a)(2)



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 Booster seat using vehicle lap belt and shoulder belt
169.685.4a(a)(3)



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 Vehicle seat using vehicle lap belt and shoulder belt
169.685.4a(a)(4)

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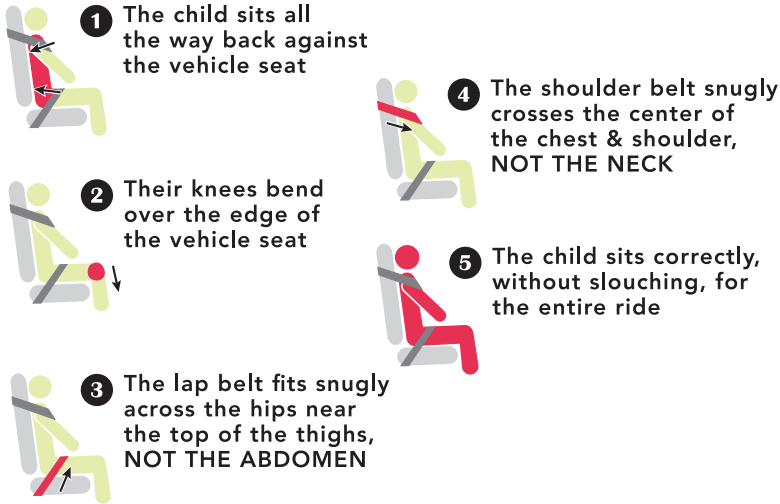
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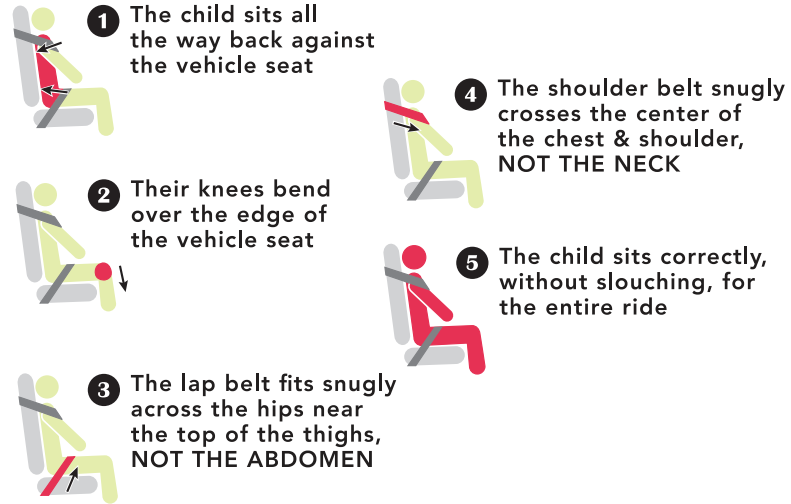
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