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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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