

### stage 4 — seatbelt only

- It's recommended you keep children in the back seat until 12 years of age.
- The lap belt should fit low over the pelvic bones.
- Shoulder belt should fit over the shoulder and snug across the chest.
- Never put the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back. This could cause serious injury in the event of a crash.
- Keep the seat in an upright position, not reclined. Seatbelts were designed for upright seating. A deeply reclined seat can cause a passenger to slide out from under the seatbelt in the event of a crash.

**Note:** It's okay to exceed the legal requirements if in accordance with the manufacturers' maximum height/weight specifications for a seat.

For more information on child restraints call the Child Seat Information line toll-free at 1-877-247-5551 or online at [www.childseatinfo.ca](http://www.childseatinfo.ca).

#### warning!

Do not place rear-facing infant or child restraint systems in a passenger seat equipped with an active frontal airbag. Children in these seats could be killed or seriously injured if the airbag inflates.

### Airbags

All new vehicles are equipped with airbags. They have been shown to reduce injuries and fatalities in collisions. Airbags work by inflating and then deflating to reduce the shock of a collision. And they do this very quickly — in less than a blink of an eye, an airbag inflates, and then begins to deflate again.

Airbags can be mounted in front of and beside the driver and front seat passenger. If your vehicle is equipped with airbags, you should position your seat so you're at least 25 cm (10 in) from the steering wheel.

This allows room for the airbag to inflate and protects you from further injury.

Consult your owner's manual for safety precautions.

In a few instances, you may need to deactivate an airbag. You must contact Transport Canada to do this. For more information, call Transport Canada at 1-800-333-0371.

Airbags do not replace seatbelts. Always use your seatbelt even if your vehicle is equipped with airbags. Check your owner's manual for instructions about the airbags in your vehicle.

