

Using Lap-Shoulder Belts on a School Bus Seat



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SEAT BELT EDUCATION

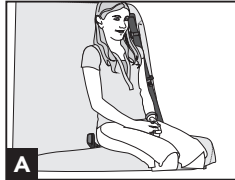
When to Wear the Lap-Shoulder Belt:

1. When the school bus is ready to begin or continue its trip.
2. Anytime the school bus is moving or on the roadway.

SafeGuard recommends use of an FMVSS 213 child restraint system for children under five (5) years of age.

BUCKLING UP

1. The passenger should sit as flat against the seat back as possible to achieve the best possible fit of the lap-shoulder belt on the passenger's upper and lower torso. **A**



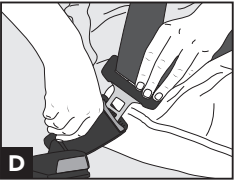
2. Pull out shoulder belt webbing from the upper seat back. Do not let the belt get twisted. (The shoulder belt could possibly lock if pulled across the body too quickly. If this happens, let the belt retract slightly to unlock it. Then pull the belt across you more slowly.) **B**



3. Place the lap-shoulder belt over the shoulder and around the passenger's upper body. **C**



4. Insert the latch plate into the matching seat belt buckle on the lower seat cushion. **D**

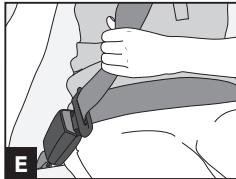


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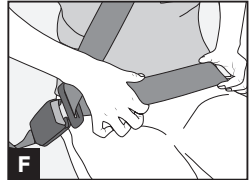
5. Listen for an audible click when the latch plate is fastened. **D**

TUG

6. Check that the buckle connection is secure by pulling on the shoulder portion of the lap-shoulder belt. **E**

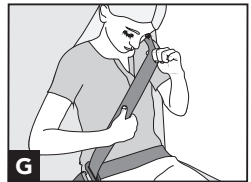


7. Position the lap portion of the belt so that the webbing is below the passenger's waist, not over the stomach or abdomen area. The lap portion of the belt must be low and snug over the bony structure of the passenger's hips. **F**



SNUG

8. Pull up on the shoulder portion of the lap-shoulder belt to tighten the lap portion. **G**



IMPORTANT! This step must be done to assure proper fit of lap-shoulder belt to passenger!

The shoulder portion of the belt must be snug across the chest and in the center of the passenger's shoulder. **H**



9. Position the shoulder height adjuster at or just above the passenger's shoulder. The shoulder belt should not cross the passenger's face or neck. **I**



10. Make sure the lap-shoulder belt is snug and lies flat against the passenger. There should be no twisting of the webbing. **J**



UNBUCKLING

1. Push the red buckle release button and remove the latch plate from the buckle. The buckle has a release mechanism that separates the latch plate from the buckle. **A**
2. Allow the shoulder belt to retract and stow in the upper seat back.
3. As a courtesy to the next passenger, move the shoulder height adjuster up to its highest position. **B**

