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Dear Family,

Edgewood-Colesburg School District's Transportation Department is proud to announce that we are taking your child's school bus safety to the next level. We are enhancing compartmentalization by adding lap-shoulder belts to our recent bus purchase. We will be taking delivery of lap-shoulder belt bus some time this fall. Which means we will begin the process of utilizing the new bus on routes and activity trips.

Your child may be riding a bus to or from school on a lap-shoulder belt equipped bus or to an activity at sometime. The Ed-Co School District has an Expected Usage Guideline, which means that if a bus is equipped with lap-shoulder belts your child is expected to utilize them. Lap-shoulder belts are much like the ones in your own vehicles. However, we are asking for your help. Along with this letter is a How to Use Guide that will help you to explain the lap-shoulder belts with your child along with the Expected Usage guideline. There will be a form that refers to this handout and the handbook which will need to be returned to school.

The Expected Use Guideline is on our website and in the student handbooks. Please know that lap-shoulder belted bus used on field trips will have the same Expected Usage Guidelines.

Again, Ed-Co Transportation Department is excited to bring this level of safety to our students and is looking forward to another great school year!

Sincerely,

Robert R. Busch

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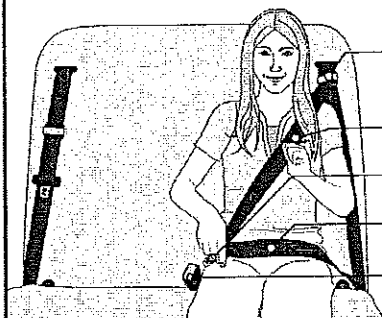
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Lap-Shoulder Belt Basics

"Buckle, Check, Tight — Your Seat Belt Is Right!"

Common Seat Belt Parts



Shoulder-height adjuster

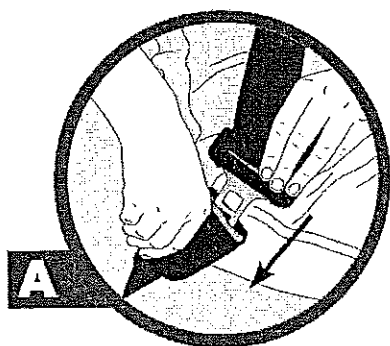
Shoulder belt

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Lap belt

Buckle

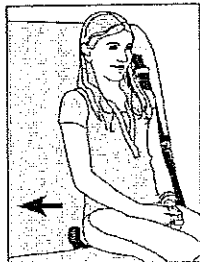
BUCKLE



A BUCKLE the latch plate into the matching buckle after pulling out the shoulder belt webbing from the seatback. LISTEN for the CLICK sound when the latch plate is fastened!

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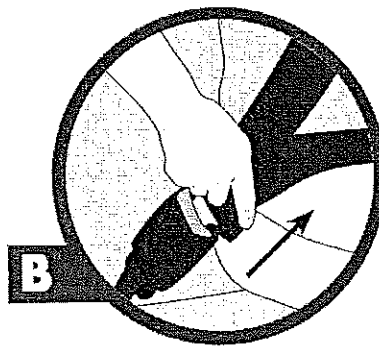
- Sit flat against the seatback.



- Place the lap-shoulder belt over shoulder and around upper body. Do not let the belt get twisted.



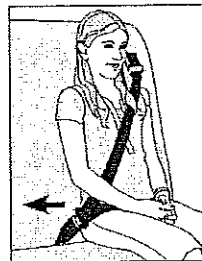
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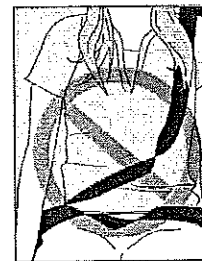
B CHECK that the buckle connection is secure by tugging firmly on the seat belt latch plate.

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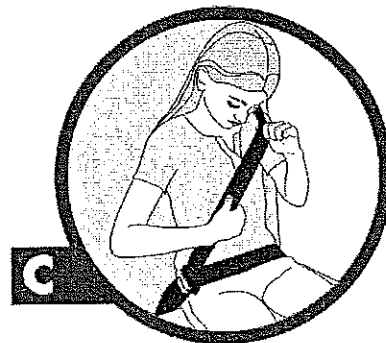
- CHECK while sitting against the seatback.



- Remove any twists in the seat belt when you CHECK.



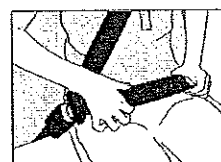
TIGHT



C TIGHTEN the lap portion by pulling upward on the shoulder belt. Be sure that the shoulder belt is snug across the chest and crosses the center of the shoulder.

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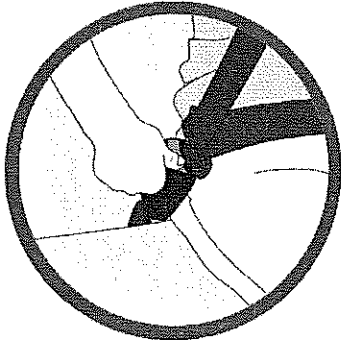
- Properly position lap portion below the waist, not over the stomach.



- Position the shoulder-height adjuster at or just above the shoulder. The belt should not cross the face or neck.



UNBUCKLING



1. Push the red button on the buckle and remove the latch plate from the buckle.
2. Allow the shoulder belt to retract into the upper seatback so webbing is not loose.



3. As a courtesy to the next passenger, move the shoulder-height adjuster up to its highest position.

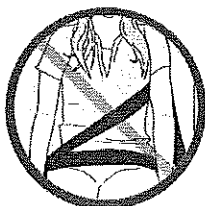
IMPROPER LAP-SHOULDER BELT USE



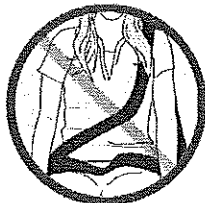
NEVER sit in front of the buckled lap-shoulder belt.



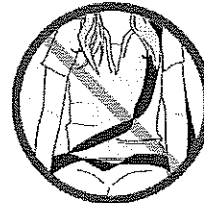
NEVER place the shoulder belt behind your back and wear only the lap belt.



NEVER place the shoulder belt under your arm.



NEVER wear the shoulder belt or lap belt loosely.



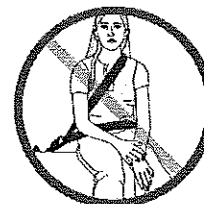
NEVER allow the belt webbing to be twisted. It should lay flat against your body.



NEVER insert the latch plate of your shoulder belt into the buckle for the seat beside you. Be sure to use your own buckle.



NEVER wear your backpack when you are seated in the bus. Place it on the floor in front of your feet.



NEVER sit on the front or side edge of your seat.