

Bike Helmet Legislation Chart

CANADA

Provincial and Territorial Bike Helmet Legislation¹

Province/Territory	Bike Helmet Legislation	Comments
British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) section 184 – Bicycle Safety Helmets	Applies to all ages	Effective September 3, 1996 Fine: up to \$100 Effective 2003: The City of Vancouver amended Street and Traffic by-law #2849 to require helmet use for all-wheeled activities including non-motorized skates, skateboards and push-scooters (Sec 77a4).
Alberta Highway Traffic Bicycle Safety Helmet Amendment Act (HTBSHAA)	Applies to only those under 18 years	Effective May 1, 2002 Fine: \$69
Saskatchewan	No provincial legislation	Yorkton is the only municipality with a helmet by-law. Fine: \$5
Manitoba	No provincial legislation	MLA Kevin Lamoureux Private Member's Bill 202: Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Bicycle Helmets) requires a person riding a bicycle or a power-assisted bicycle on a highway or bicycle path to wear a proper protective helmet. Bill rejected for a third time, June 2009.
Ontario Highway Traffic Act (HTA)	Applies to only those under 18 years	Effective October 1, 1995, Fine: \$80 December 2006 MPP Milloy passes motion in Ontario Legislature regarding all-helmet use in Ontario. No legislative changes as of yet.
Quebec	No provincial legislation	Projet de la loi 71: Requires mandatory helmets for children under 12 years. In consultation process as of February 2010.
New Brunswick Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)	Applies to all ages	Effective December 15, 1995 Fine: \$21

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<p>Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)</p>	<p>Applies to all ages</p>	<p>Effective July 1, 1997: all ages helmet use for cyclists. Effective January 12, 2007: Amendment to MVA requires helmet use for all wheeled activities (bicycle, skate board, inline skates and other wheeled activities), and in all areas (public/private lands and roads, skate parks and playgrounds) require helmet use. Fine: up to \$128.75</p>
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<p>Prince Edward Island Highway Traffic Act (HTA)</p>	<p>Applies to all ages</p>	<p>Effective July 5, 2003 Fine: up to \$100</p>
<p>Newfoundland and Labrador</p>	<p>No provincial legislation</p>	<p>Mount Pearl and St. John's have by-laws requiring children under 12 to use helmets; effective since 1994.</p>
<p>Yukon</p>	<p>No provincial legislation</p>	<p>City of Whitehorse has an all-ages helmet by-law effective since 2004.</p>
<p>Northwest Territories</p>	<p>No provincial legislation</p>	<p>Inuvik has an all-ages helmet by-law, \$25 fine.</p>
<p>Nunavut</p>	<p>No provincial legislation</p>	

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