

# Car Seat and Booster Seat Legislation Chart

## CANADA

### Provincial and Territorial Car Seat and Booster Seat Legislation<sup>1</sup>

Province/Territory	Rear and Forward Facing Car Seat Legislation for Younger Children	Booster Seat Legislation for Older Children
<b>British Columbia</b> (Motor Vehicle Act, Division 36)	<b>(AMENDED) Effective July 1, 2008</b> Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg) <b>and</b> at least 1 year of age. Children who are at least 1 year of age, at least 20 pounds (9 kg) but less than 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.	<b>(NEW) Effective July 1, 2008</b> Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, <b>or</b> a minimum of 9 years old.
<b>Alberta</b> (Traffic Safety Act – Vehicle Equipment and Regulation Section 78(2)(a)(b))	Children must ride in a car seat until they are a minimum of 6 years old <b>or</b> over 40 pounds (18 kg).	NO PROVINCIAL LAW
<b>Saskatchewan</b> (Traffic Safety Act)	Children must ride in a car seat that is appropriate for their size until they are a minimum of 40 pounds (18 kg).	NO PROVINCIAL LAW
<b>Manitoba</b> (Highway Traffic Act s.186)	Children must ride in a car seat until they are a minimum of 5 years old <b>and</b> a minimum of 50 pounds (23 kg).	NO PROVINCIAL LAW
<b>Ontario</b> (Highway Traffic Act s.106, Seat Belt Assemblies Regulation 613)	Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children who are at least 20 pounds (9 kg) but less than 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.	Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, <b>or</b> a minimum of 80 pounds (36 kg), <b>or</b> a minimum of 8 years old.
<b>Quebec</b> (Highway Safety Code s.397)	Children must ride in a car seat or booster seat until they have a minimum seated height (measured from the seat to the top of the head) of 25 inches (63 cm). The car seat or booster seat must fit the child's height and weight.	
<b>New Brunswick</b> (Motor Vehicle Act – Seat Belt Section, Regulation 83-163)	Children must ride in a car seat until they are a minimum of 5 years old <b>or</b> more than 40 pounds (18 kg).	Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, <b>or</b> a minimum of 36 kg (79 pounds), <b>or</b> a minimum of 9 years old.
<b>Nova Scotia</b> (Motor Vehicle Act – Seat Belt Regulations)	Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 22 pounds (10 kg) <b>and</b> at least 1 year of age. Children who are at least 1 year of age, at least 22 pounds (10 kg) but less than 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.	Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, <b>or</b> a minimum of 9 years old.

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<p><b>Prince Edward Island</b> (Highway Traffic Act – Seat Belt Regulations)</p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 22 pounds (10 kg) <b>or</b> a minimum of 1 year of age. Children who are at least 22 pounds (10 kg) but less than 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p>Children must ride in a booster seat if they are 40 pounds (18 kg) or more.* They must ride in a booster seat until they are 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, <b>or</b> a minimum of 10 years old.</p> <p>* Maximum weight based on booster seat manufacturer's recommendations.</p>
<p><b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b> (Highway Traffic Act)</p>	<p><b>(AMENDED) Effective July 1, 2008</b> Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children who are at least 20 pounds (9 kg) but less than 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p><b>(NEW) Effective July 1, 2008</b> Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, <b>or</b> more than 80 pounds (36 kg), <b>or</b> a minimum of 9 years old.</p>
<p><b>Yukon</b> (Motor Vehicle Act – Regulations, Child Restraint Systems)</p>	<p>Children* must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children* who are at least 20 pounds (9 kg) but less than 48 pounds (22 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p> <p>* “Children” means a child under the age of 6 years.</p>	<p>LEGISLATION CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT</p>
<p><b>Northwest Territories</b> (Motor Vehicle Act s.146 – Seat Belt Assembly and Child Restraint System Regulations)</p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children who are at least 20 pounds (9 kg) but less than 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p>NO PROVINCIAL LAW</p>
<p><b>Nunavut</b> (Motor Vehicle Act – Seat Belt Assembly and Child Restraint System Regulations)</p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children who are at least 20 pounds (9 kg) but less than 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p>NO PROVINCIAL LAW</p>

**National Links:**

Safe Kids Canada

<http://www.sickkids.ca/SKCForParents/section.asp?s=Safety%2BInformation%2Bby%2BTopic&slD=10774&ss=Child%2BPassenger%2BSafety&ssID=11330>

Transport Canada <http://www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/childsafety/menu.htm>

Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators <http://www.ccmta.ca/>

National Occupant Restraint Program (NORP) Annual Monitoring Report 2006.

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Canadian Paediatric Society, "Are We Doing Enough: A Status Report on Canadian Public Policy and Child and Youth Health." 2007 Edition.

<http://www.voicesforchildren.ca/documents/CPSreport.pdf>

**Provincial and Territorial Government Links:**

Government of British Columbia <http://www.gov.bc.ca/tran/index.html>

Government of Alberta <http://www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/>

Government of Saskatchewan <http://www.highways.gov.sk.ca/>

Government of Manitoba [http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/h060\\_3e.php#186](http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/h060_3e.php#186)

Government of Ontario <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/smartlove/>

Government of Quebec <http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca/portal/page/portal/accueil>

Government of New Brunswick <http://www.gnb.ca/0276/index-e.asp>

Government of Prince Edward Island <http://www.gov.pe.ca>

Government of Nova Scotia <http://www.gov.ns.ca/tran/>

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador <http://www.tw.gov.nl.ca/>

Government of the Northwest Territories [http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca/\\_live/pages/wpPages/home.aspx](http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca/_live/pages/wpPages/home.aspx)

Government of Yukon <http://www.hpw.gov.yk.ca/>

Government of Nunavut <http://edt.gov.nu.ca/english/>

**Other Provincial and Territorial Links:**

The Insurance Bureau of British Columbia [http://www.icbc.com/road\\_safety/carseat\\_law.asp#changes](http://www.icbc.com/road_safety/carseat_law.asp#changes)

The Saskatchewan Prevention Institute <http://www.preventioninstitute.sk.ca>

Child Safety Link <http://www.childsafetylink.ca>

Société de l'assurance automobile <http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/index.php>

IMPACT, the injury prevention centre of Children's Hospital Winnipeg, Manitoba <http://www.hsc.mb.ca/impact/>

Manitoba Public Insurance [http://www.mpi.mb.ca/english/rd\\_safety/roadsafety.html](http://www.mpi.mb.ca/english/rd_safety/roadsafety.html)

Saskatchewan Government Insurance [http://www.sgi.sk.ca/sgi\\_pub/road\\_safety/child\\_restraints.htm](http://www.sgi.sk.ca/sgi_pub/road_safety/child_restraints.htm)

Alberta Center for Injury Control and Research <http://www.acicr.ualberta.ca/>

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