

# 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)	Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are at least 12 months old and a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children between 20 pounds (9 kg) and 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in a forward-facing 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.
<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).	<b>NO PROVINCIAL LAW</b>
<b>Saskatchewan</b> (Traffic Safety Act)	Children must ride in a car seat until they are a minimum of 40 pounds (18 kg).	Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall and 80 pounds (36 kg), <b>or</b> a minimum of 7 years old.
<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 45 pounds (20 kg).	Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall and a minimum of 80 pounds (36 kg), <b>or</b> a minimum of 9 years old.
<b>Ontario</b> (Highway Traffic Act s.106)	Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children between 20 pounds (9 kg) and 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 restraint system 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). Follow manufacturer's recommendations for seat type, weight and height requirements for your child.	
<b>New Brunswick</b> (Motor Vehicle Act – Seat Belt Section)	Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are at least one year old and a minimum of 22 pounds (10 kg). Children between 22 pounds (10 kg) and 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 9 years old.

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<p><b>Nova Scotia</b> (Motor Vehicle Act)</p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are one year old and a minimum of 22 pounds (10 kg). Children between 22 pounds (10 kg) and 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<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 one year old and a minimum of 22 pounds (10 kg). Children between 22 pounds (10 kg) and 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 until they are 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, <b>or</b> a minimum of 9 years old.</p>
<p><b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b> (Highway Traffic Act)</p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear facing car seat if they are less than 20 pounds (9 kg). Children between 20 pounds (9 kg) and 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p>Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall and between 40 pounds (18 kg) and 80 pounds (37 kg), <b>or</b> between the ages of 4 and 8 years old.</p>
<p><b>Yukon</b> (Motor Vehicle Act)</p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children between 20 pounds (9 kg) and 49 pounds (22 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p>Children weighing 49 pounds (22 kg) or more are properly secured if secured in a seat belt. The use of a booster seat is permitted.</p>
<p><b>Northwest Territories</b> (Motor Vehicle Act s.146)</p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children between 20 pounds (9 kg) and 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p><b>NO PROVINCIAL LAW</b></p>
<p><b>Nunavut</b> (Motor Vehicle Act)</p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children between 20 pounds (9 kg) and 40 pounds (18 kg) must ride in an appropriate car seat.</p>	<p><b>NO PROVINCIAL LAW</b></p>

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**National Links:**

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 2010. [http://ccmta.ca/images/publications/pdf//norp\\_report10.pdf](http://ccmta.ca/images/publications/pdf//norp_report10.pdf)

Canadian Paediatric Society, "Are We Doing Enough: A Status Report on Canadian Public Policy and Child and Youth Health." 2012 Edition.  
<http://www.cps.ca/advocacy/StatusReport2012.pdf>

**Provincial and Territorial Government Links:**

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

Government of Alberta <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/>

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

Government of Manitoba <http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/>

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

Government of Quebec <http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

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://www.gov.nu.ca/edt>

**Other Provincial and Territorial Links:**

The Insurance Bureau of British Columbia <http://www.icbc.com/road-safety/safer-drivers/Pages/Child-car-seats.aspx>

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

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

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

Manitoba Public Insurance <http://www.mpi.mb.ca/en/Rd-Safety/Car-Seats/Pages/ChildCarSeat.aspx>

Saskatchewan Government Insurance <http://www.sgi.sk.ca/individuals/safety/carseats/>

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

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