

Option 4 Sessions Set Up

The Option 4 sessions are intended to give drivers who have received a ticket for not correctly buckling up a child under 16 the option to have their ticket withdrawn. It is expected that many of the attendees at the Option 4 session will have received a ticket, but members of the public may also be invited to attend.

An Option 4 session includes the presentation of Module 2 – Protecting Children from Birth to 10, as well as the accompanying video/DVD. Ticketed drivers may not be happy about attending the session, as such the Alberta Occupant Restraint Program (AORP) recommends that at the beginning of each session, your audience should be informed that mutual respect is expected, and that abuse, harassment and/or verbal aggression will not be tolerated. Attendance at the Option 4 session is OPTIONAL. Ticketed drivers who choose not to attend have three other options, listed on the back of their ticket.

For an Option 4 session, have your room and materials set up and have on hand:

- Pens for completion of forms
- Recommendation for Withdrawal forms
- Selected resources/support materials. You may choose to provide copies of any of the following resources for participants. All are available on www.albertaseatbelts.ca.
 - Child Safety Seat Information Sheets:
 - Common Questions About Safety Seats
 - Tips for Buying Child Safety Seats and Booster Seats
 - Keeping Your Child Content in a Child Safety Seat
 - The Tether Strap and Universal Anchorage System (UAS)
 - Child Safety Seat YES Tests (rear-facing, forward-facing, booster).

As people arrive;

- Collect the ticket(s) from ticketed drivers
- Confirm the eligibility of all ticketed drivers as they arrive at the session. To be eligible for the Recommendation for Withdrawal:
 - The ticket must be brought to the session by the driver.
 - A valid driver's licence must be provided as proof of identification.
 - The driver to whom the ticket was issued must attend the session in order to receive a Recommendation for Withdrawal. A Recommendation will not be made if another person attends in the ticketed driver's place.
- The court date that appears on the ticket should be at least two weeks from the date of the session.

Special Situations

Repeat offenders, if recognized by health or enforcement personnel, should not have a Recommendation for Withdrawal issued for subsequent offences after they have attended one education session. Provincially, it is not possible to track repeat offenders for this program.

If a driver receives more than one ticket at separate events (i.e., not the same day or later in the same day), the Recommendation for Withdrawal will be completed for the first offence(s) only.

If it appears that there is an error in the court date assignment (i.e., did not allow for three months from the offence), there may be an option for the driver to attend an educational session within two weeks of the court date. If this is the case, the responsibility for delivering the ticket and Recommendation for Withdrawal to the Clerk of the Court must be negotiated between the driver and the officer prior to the session.