

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 Highway Traffic Act, section 145	Applies to only those under 18 years	Effective May 1, 2013 Fine: up to \$50
Ontario Highway Traffic Act (HTA)	Applies to only those under 18 years	Effective October 1, 1995, Fine: \$60 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. Consultations took place in February 2010.
New Brunswick Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)	Applies to all ages	Effective December 15, 1995 Fine: \$21
Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)	Applies to all ages	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). Fine: minimum \$25

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Prince Edward Island Highway Traffic Act (HTA)	Applies to all ages	Effective July 5, 2003 Fine: up to \$100
Newfoundland and Labrador Highway Traffic Act (HTA)	Applies to all ages	Effective: April 1, 2015 Fine: \$25 to \$180
Yukon	No provincial legislation	City of Whitehorse has an all-ages helmet by-law effective since 2004.
Northwest Territories	No provincial legislation	Inuvik has an all-ages helmet by-law, \$25 fine. Yellowknife has a by-law requiring those under 18 years to wear a helmet, \$25 fine.
Nunavut	No provincial legislation	

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