

# Car Seat and Booster Seat Canadian Legislation Chart

Province/Territory	Rear and Forward Facing Car Seat Legislation for Younger Children <sup>1</sup>	Booster Seat Legislation for Older Children <sup>1</sup>
<p><b>British Columbia</b></p> <p><a href="#">Motor Vehicle Act, Division 36 – Child Seating and Restraint Systems</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of 12 months old <b>and</b> 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.</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>Alberta</b></p> <p><a href="#">Traffic Safety Act, Vehicle Equipment and Regulation s.82</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a car seat until they are a minimum of 6 years old or over 40 pounds (18 kg).</p>	<p>No provincial law.</p>
<p><b>Saskatchewan</b></p> <p><a href="#">Traffic Safety Act s.248 (4)(b)</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a car seat until they are a minimum of 40 pounds (18 kg).</p>	<p>Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall <b>and</b> 80 pounds (36 kg), <b>or</b> a minimum of 7 years old.</p>
<p><b>Manitoba</b></p> <p><a href="#">Highway Traffic Act s.186</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a car seat that is appropriate for the child's age, weight and height.</p>	<p>Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall <b>and</b> a minimum of 80 pounds (36 kg), <b>or</b> a minimum of 9 years old.</p>
<p><b>Ontario</b></p> <p><a href="#">Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 613 – Seat Belt Assemblies</a></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>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.</p>

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<p><b>Quebec</b></p> <p><a href="#">Highway Safety Code s.397</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in the appropriate car seat or booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall <b>or</b> a minimum of 9 years old. The car seat or booster seat must, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, be suitable for the child's height and weight and be securely attached to the vehicle.</p>	
<p><b>New Brunswick</b></p> <p><a href="#">Seat Belt Regulation – Motor Vehicle Act</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a properly secured, appropriate car seat or 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.</p>	
<p><b>Nova Scotia</b></p> <p><a href="#">Seat Belt and Child Restraint System Regulations – Motor Vehicle Act</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of one year old <b>and</b> 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 when they are a minimum of 40 pounds (18 kg) 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></p> <p><a href="#">Highway Traffic Act – Seat Belt Regulations</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of one year old <b>and</b> 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 when they are 40 pounds (18 kg) <b>or</b> more until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, or a minimum of 9 years old.</p>
<p><b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b></p> <p><a href="#">Highway Traffic Act s.178.1</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of 20 pounds (9 kg). Children must ride in an appropriate car seat until they are a minimum of 40 pounds (18 kg).</p>	<p>Children must ride in a booster seat when they are a minimum of 40 pounds (18 kg) until they are a minimum of 9 years old, <b>or</b> until they are a minimum of 81.5 pounds (37 kg) <b>and</b> 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall.</p>
<p><b>Yukon</b></p> <p><a href="#">Motor Vehicle Act</a></p>	<p>Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of 22 pounds (10 kg) <b>and</b> walking unassisted. Children between 22 pounds (10 kg) and 48 pounds (22 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> 100 pounds (45 kg).</p>

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<p><b>Northwest Territories</b></p> <p><a href="#">Seat Belt Assembly and Child Restraint System Regulations – Motor Vehicles Act</a></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>No provincial law.</p>
<p><b>Nunavut</b></p> <p><a href="#">Seat Belt Assembly and Child Restraint System Regulations – Motor Vehicles Act</a></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>No provincial law.</p>

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> For information purposes only. Please consult local authorities for further interpretation and current status.