**Car Seat and Booster Seat**

Canadian Legislation Chart

| **Province/Territory** | **Rear and Forward Facing Car Seat Legislation for Younger Children1** | **Booster Seat Legislation for Older Children1** |
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| **British Columbia**  [Motor Vehicle Act, Division 36 – *Child Seating and Restraint Systems*](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/26_58_11) | Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of 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 that is, in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, suitable for the child’s height and weight. A child may remain rear-facing if allowed by the seat’s weight limits. | Children must ride in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall **or** a minimum of 9 years old. |
| **Alberta**  [Traffic Safety Act, Vehicle Equipment Regulation s.82](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2009_122.pdf) | Children must ride in a car seat until they are a minimum of 6 years old **or** over 40 pounds (18 kg). | No provincial law. |
| **Saskatchewan**  [Traffic Safety Act s.248 (4)(b)](https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/12208) | 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), **or** a minimum of 7 years old. |
| **Manitoba**  [Highway Traffic Act s.186(9)](https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/h060e.php)  [Highway Traffic Act Child Restraining Devices Regulation](https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/current/_pdf-regs.php?reg=89/2013) | Children must ride in an appropriate child restraining device until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall **or** a minimum of 80 pounds (36 kg), **or** a minimum of 9 years old. | |
| **Ontario**  [Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 613 – *Seat Belt Assemblies*](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900613) | 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, **or** a minimum of 80 pounds (36 kg), **or** a minimum of 8 years old. |
| **Quebec**  [Highway Safety Code s.397](http://legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/showdoc/cs/C-24.2/20190418#se:397) | Children must ride in the appropriate car seat or booster seat until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall **or** a minimum of 9 years old. | |
| **New Brunswick**  [Seat Belt Regulation – Motor Vehicle Act](https://www.canlii.org/en/nb/laws/regu/nb-reg-83-163/latest/nb-reg-83-163.html) | 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, **or** a minimum of 80 pounds (36 kg), **or** a minimum of 9 years old. | |
| **Nova Scotia**  [Seat Belt and Child Restraint System Regulations – Motor Vehicle Act](https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/mvseatb.htm) | Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of 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, **or** a minimum of 9 years old. |
| **Prince Edward Island**  [Highway Traffic Act – Seat Belt Regulations](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/legislation/H&05-28-Highway%2520Traffic%2520Act%2520Seat%2520Belt%2520Regulations.pdf) | Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of 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 when they are 40 pounds (18 kg) or more until they are a minimum of 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall, **or** a minimum of 10 years old **or** exceeding the manufacturer’s weight limit. |
| **Newfoundland and Labrador**  [Highway Traffic Act s.178.1](https://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/h03.htm#178_1) | 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). | 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, **or** until they are a minimum of 81.5 pounds (37 kg) **and** 4 feet, 9 inches (145 cm) tall. |
| **Yukon**  [Motor Vehicles Act](http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/acts/move_c.pdf) | Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of 22 pounds (10 kg) **and** walking unassisted. Children between 22 pounds (10 kg) and 48 pounds (22 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 **or** 100 pounds (45 kg). |
| **Northwest Territories**  [Seat Belt Assembly and Child Restraint System Regulations](https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/files/legislation/motor-vehicles/motor-vehicles.r15.pdf) – Motor Vehicles Act | 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. | No territorial law. |
| **Nunavut**  [Seat Belt Assembly and Child Restraint System Regulations](https://www.nunavutlegislation.ca/en/media/1552) – Motor Vehicles Act | 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. | No territorial law. |

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