



**New laws
are now
in effect**

Booster seats save lives and reduce injuries.

That's why **Boost BC** is letting parents, children and educators know about their importance. The **Booster Club** is for children over 18 kg (40 lb.) until they reach their 9th birthday. It's fun, interactive and encourages children to use booster seats.

Why do children need a booster seat?

Most children under 9 are still too small for a seat belt – they are designed for adults and older children. A booster seat raises the child up so the lap/shoulder belts fit correctly, with the lap belt fitting snugly across the hips and the shoulder belt going over the child's shoulder and across the chest. This helps protect the child in a crash.

Booster seats offer children increased safety, comfort and a much better view. **And booster seats are now required by law.**

Who are booster seats for?

Booster seats are for children who are:

- over 18 kg (40 lb.), and
- under 9 years old, and
- under 145 cm (4'9") tall.

How can I get my child to use a booster seat?

Safety is not negotiable! Make a rule that the car won't move until seat belts are done up. Talk to your child about the importance of safety when in a vehicle. Explain that the booster seat will allow them to see out the windows better and the seat belt will fit them more comfortably.

When is my child ready to use a seat belt?

Most children are ready for the seat belt system when:

- they are over 9 years of age
- they are over 145 cm (4'9") tall
- their back is against the vehicle seat back
- their knees bend naturally at the front of the vehicle seat
- their feet touch the floor

For more information

- Child Seat Info Line: 1-877-247-5551
- BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation:
www.BoostBC.ca



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