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The Newsletter for
BC's Child Passenger Safety Educators

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June is Child Passenger Safety Month

We're hoping you'll take part again by getting out into your community and working with families, schools, daycares and other agencies. We are making a difference! In the last couple of years, booster seat usage in BC has more than tripled.

It's been almost a year since BC's child seat laws changed. Families have had plenty of time to ensure each of their family members is appropriately restrained. How is compliance in your community? It's a good time to remind those who are either unaware or non-compliant about their responsibilities.

What can you do?

- Provide information and education to schools, daycares, public health, police and other community groups.
- Partner with local police to do roadside checks and hand out information.
- Participate in events that raise the awareness in your community about child seats and the law.
- Contact your local newspaper. Tell them that June is Child Passenger Safety Month and let them know about the local events you are involved in.

Need resources?

Contact us to get your hands on the items you need to help you spread the word about child passenger safety.

Online: www.ChildSeatInfo.ca

In Print: 1-877-247-5551

Child Passenger Safety Program

- BC's Child Car Seat Laws
- 11 x 17 poster
- Bookmark

Boost BC

- Tattoos
- 11 x 17 poster
- Bookmark



Colleen recommends the "Tickle Technique" to check for a good fit!

Training and Letters of Equivalency

The Justice Institute of BC (JIBC) in partnership with BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is delivering a new *Child Passenger Safety Educator (Technician)* course. This 2-day course is equivalent to the National Certification program.

Child Passenger Safety technicians may apply for *Child Passenger Safety Educator* equivalency. Application forms will be sent to you via e-mail.

Upon approval, applicants will receive a letter of equivalency from the JIBC as well as a current *Child Passenger Safety Educator Manual*. If you would prefer a course certificate and the associated academic credits, you must enrol in and successfully complete the JIBC's *Child Passenger Safety Educator* course.

New Partnership with First Nations

BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Tripartite Injury Prevention Working Group. The group includes the First Nations Health Council, Health Canada, and BC Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport. The partners will work together to develop practical tools and tips to help Aboriginal individuals, families, and communities be safer on BC roads.

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BC's Child Seat Laws – Quick Primer

Need to brush up on your child seat laws? Here's a quick review.

All drivers* MUST ensure that all children (under 16 years) are restrained appropriately as described below:

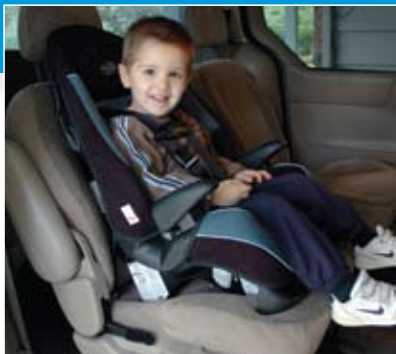
Up to one year AND 9 kg (20 lb.)

- Rear-facing child car seat
- NOT on a front seat with an active air bag



Over one year AND 9 kg to 18 kg (20 to 40 lb.)

- Forward-facing child car seat
- May remain rear-facing if allowed by manufacturer's weight limit



Over 18 kg (40 lb.) until 9th birthday unless they have reached 145 cm (4'9") in height

- Booster seat and a lap/shoulder seat belt
- May remain in forward-facing child car seat if allowed by manufacturer's weight limit
- If no lap/shoulder seat belt, must be secured without a booster seat by a lap belt



All child car seats must be used according to manufacturer's instructions and vehicle owner's manual.

Child car seats purchased outside Canada are not approved for use in BC.

* *Taxi drivers and drivers of emergency vehicles and most buses are exempt from these requirements.*

Questions? Please call the Child Seat Info Line: 1-877-247-5551.

New Products

This is the time of year that new seats come on the market. Why not visit your local stores to see what's new? Here are a few of the new seats you'll see:

Graco Snug Ride 32

Weight limits: 2 to 14.5 kg (5 to 32 lb.)

Graco Nautilus 3-in-1 (combination)

Weight limits:

Forward-facing with harness – 9 to 30 kg (20 to 65 lb.)

Booster – 18 to 45 kg (40 to 100 lb.)

Has an internal 5-point harness system to 30 kg (65 lb.) and can also be used as a high-back or no-back booster to 45 kg (100 lb.)

Alpha Omega Elite 3-in-1

(manufactured end of 2008)

Weight limits:

Rear-facing – 16 kg (35 lb.)

Forward-facing with harness – 10 to 23 kg (22 to 50 lb.)

Booster – 18 to 45 kg (40 to 100 lb.)

Cosco Scenera

New rear-facing weight limit – 16 kg (35 lb.) – was 14 kg (30 lb.)

Recall list gets a makeover

Check out the reformatted version. It's now in alphabetical order by manufacturer (not by category, as previously). We hope you'll find it more user friendly.

Go to www.ChildSeatInfo.ca and follow the links to Buying and Installing.