

## BC's Child Car Seat Laws

# Use the right seat for your child

As of July 1, 2008 all drivers **MUST** make sure 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



*Booster seats – required until 9th birthday.*

### 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

### After 9th birthday

- Seat belt
- May remain in booster seat if allowed by manufacturer's weight limit

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.

**Drive to Save Lives**

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# Child car seats and booster seats save lives



### Rear facing

Up to one year AND 9 kg (20 lb.)  
NOT on a front seat with an air bag



### Forward facing

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



### Booster seat

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

These are general guidelines.

For more information call the toll-free Child Seat Info Line

**1-877-247-5551**

Visit our website at

**www.ChildSeatInfo.ca**



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