

# B.C.'s Laws for Child Passengers

## Use the right seat for your child

By law, drivers are required to make sure that all children under the age of 16 are protected appropriately as described below.



### **Up to at least 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

### **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 B.C.

# Child car seats and booster seats save lives



## Rear-facing

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



## Rear-facing

Over 9 kg (20 lb.) to the weight limit  
of the rear facing seat



## 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")



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