

In May 2007 the Provincial Government announced revisions to Division 36 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, Child Seating and Restraint Systems to become effective July 1, 2008. You have been identified as a key stakeholder who may be impacted by the implementation of these changes. As a result, the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is contacting you to ensure that you are aware of what these changes are.

BC's Child Passenger Regulations will now align with the best practices and provide more protection to children in BC. As a key stakeholder representing those who may be impacted by these revisions, we are providing your organization with the revised regulation details.

Revised Regulation Details as of July 1, 2008

All drivers are responsible for complying with all child restraint requirements.
Infants are to be secured in a rear-facing child car seat away from an active frontal airbag until at least 12 months old and 9 kg (20 lbs)
Children under 18 kg (40 lbs) are to be secured in a child car seat with harness
Children at least 18 kg (40 lbs) are to be secured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in a booster seat, in a seating position equipped with a shoulder harness <u>or</u> - in a lap belt only, (no booster), if a seating position equipped with a shoulder harness is not available - up to their 9th birthday or 145 cm (4'9") tall, whichever comes first
Children at least 9 years to 16 years are to be secured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in a seating position equipped with a shoulder harness <u>or</u> - in a lap belt, if a seating position equipped with a shoulder harness is not available

These changes mean that **all drivers** will be responsible for transporting children in an age/weight appropriate child restraint device up to their 9th birthday or 145 cm (4'9") in height, whichever comes first.

The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation has partnered with the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development to deliver the **Boost BC** program throughout British Columbia. The **Boost BC** presentation supports the kindergarten to grade two *Prescribed Learning Outcomes for Personal Development (Safety and Injury Prevention)*, **that students will identify hazards and use safe behaviors in the home, school, and community.**

We ask you to please prepare for the July 1, 2008 effective date. To seek further information regarding the new regulations, visit www.childseatinfo.ca or call the Toll Free Info line at: 1-877-247-5551. If you wish to book a presentation for your school or have further questions contact:

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