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Permanent Provincial Network for the Inspection of Child Safety Seats







Generally, for children weighing over 18 kg (40 lbs) **READ THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

Children weighing over 18 kg (40 lbs) have usually outgrown their child seat but are still too small to wear a lap belt alone.

The child needs a booster seat.

This restraint device helps to position the shoulder belt right in the middle of the shoulder (over the collarbone) and the lap belt over the hips.

The booster should be used for as long as possible (often until age eight). You can even continue using a booster when your child reaches a seated height of 63 cm.

- Install the booster on the vehicle's rear seat.
- Use a booster that has a high back:
- if the vehicle's seat back is low. The child's head must be well supported;
- if your vehicle's rear seat is equipped with shoulder belts.
 Put the seatbelt over the shoulder and on the hips. Never place the shoulder belt under the child's arm.
- If the rear seats of your vehicle are not equipped with shoulder belts, use a booster seat with an abdominal shield.

63 cm

For your child's safety, you are urged not to use a seat that has ever been involved in a vehicle accident.

In a moving road vehicle, every child whose sitting height is less than 63 cm, the average height for a 6 1/2 –year old, is required to be in a suitable car seat. A smaller-than-average child must continue riding in a safety seat. Children grow quickly; measure your child regularly and check the seat manufacturer's instructions to see if it is still suitable.

N.B.: In the absence of a child seat in a taxi, a child must be restrained by the seatbelt, unless the child is unable to maintain an upright position.



Secure Them For Life

In a moving road vehicle, children whose sitting height is less than 63 cm must be securely held in a child safety seat.

For safety's sake!



Children... Sale in their Car Seat

Your child's overall height and weight are important for selecting a suitable seat.

Fortunately, there is wide variety of seats on the market which correspond to these criteria. The information necessary to make an informed choice is labelled on the seat itself. Before choosing a seat, we suggest you carefully read this information.

When your child reaches a seated height of 63 cm (measured from the seat to the top of the head), you will be able to place your child on a vehicle's seat without a booster and use the vehicle's seatbelt. You may also choose to continue using the booster seat.



Generally, for children weighing under **9 kg (20 lbs)** or measuring up to 66 cm (26 in) in overall height **READ THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

The infant seat fits an infant's body well and holds it comfortably in an inclined position while supporting the lower back.



- Always install the infant seat facing the rear. It is very important for the baby to face the rear of the vehicle.
- If the vehicle is equipped with a front air bag on the passenger side, be sure you place the infant seat in the rear, preferably in the middle.
- An infant seat should be placed in a 45° position (semireclined). Use a rolled-up towel under the base to level it if necessary.
- Secure the infant seat to the seat of the vehicle with the lap belt* at the base or by threading it through the slots in the seat. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations or illustrations on the infant seat to find out where to place the shoulder belt.
- If the infant seat has a base, attach this first to the vehicle using the lap belt*, then lock the seat in place on its base.
- Thread the harness through the slots located slightly below the shoulders, which are then snugly held. Insert the latch plate into the buckle.
- Pull up the chest clip joining the harness straps. The clip should be at the level of the baby's underarms, to prevent ejection in case of impact.
- There should be enough slack to place just one finger between the harness and the collarbone.

Many recent vehicle models are fitted with ISOFIX (latch) anchors for the tether Tethers are available on the market, if your seat did not come equipped with one



Generally, for children weighing between **9 and 19 kg (20-40 lbs)** or measuring between **66-102 cm (26-40 in)** in overall height **READ THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

Like the infant seat, the child seat supports the occupant's body well.

- Install the child seat on the rear seat of the vehicle¹.
- Secure the base of the child seat to the vehicle's seat using the seatbelt*.
- To keep the top of a the child seat from tipping, use a tether anchored to the vehicle's tether anchorage point.
- 1 The seat should only be forward-facing when a child is capable of maintaining an upright position (around 12 months). Before that, an infant seat should face the rear, if possible.
- Thread the shoulder harness through the slots located slightly above the child's shoulders. Make sure that the harness is tight enough and that the chest clip joining the harness is at the child's 🕓 underarm level.
- There should be enough slack to place just one finger between the harness and the collarbone.

