



# High River Fire Department

## Child Car Seats: Roles and Responsibilities

### Parents

As a parent, or as someone who cares for or transports children, you need to learn about the rules in your area for transporting children as safely as possible, either in your own or someone else's car or on a school bus. You need to find out about the different child seats available and which ones are right for your child. Depending on what stage your child has reached, you need to learn how to install the infant seat, child seat or booster cushion correctly in your vehicle. And you must then secure your child correctly in that seat.

### The Federal Government

Transport Canada sets and enforces the safety standards required for child car seats and for new and imported vehicles. It does research to support the improvement of these standards and shares the results with industry and the international regulatory and research communities. It educates the public by publishing brochures and maintaining a web site on road safety issues.

### Provinces, Territories and Other Groups

The provincial and territorial governments regulate vehicle drivers and vehicle use through their highway traffic acts. They also regulate driver licensing and seat belt and child seat use. Along with the provinces and territories, municipalities enforce child seat use laws through their local police services.

Representatives from the various levels of government as well as other child safety groups meet regularly to share research findings, and plan education and enforcement campaigns.

**CHILDREN UNDER 12 CAN NOT SIT IN THE FRONT SEAT OF A VEHICLE**

## Car seats bought in the USA

Cross border shopping may be tempting, but when it comes to buying a child's car seat or booster seat for use in Canada, Transport Canada and Health Canada warn consumers against it.

Transport Canada and Health Canada are concerned that parents and caregivers may not know that it is illegal to import and use in Canada a seat that does not comply with Canadian standards.

When purchasing a child seat for use in Canada, parents and caregivers should look for the National Safety Mark label attached to the seat, indicating that the seat complies with Canadian regulations and standards, and is therefore legal for use in Canada. When shopping online for a child seat, please ensure that the vendor is offering a seat that is certified to Canadian standards and carries the National Safety Mark:

