



Secure Them for Life

A new measure regarding child safety seats is coming into effect on April 18, 2019. Children under 9 years of age **OR** less than 145 cm tall will have to be secured in a child safety seat that is appropriate for their weight and height.

Why?

This new measure aims to increase children's safety by extending the period during which they must ride on a booster seat, thereby ensuring they are not buckled in with just a seat belt before they are ready. Children have been injured in accidents due to being too small to be adequately protected by a seat belt alone.



Booster seat

A booster seat raises the child to ensure that the seat belt can be correctly adjusted so that it crosses over the middle of the shoulder (collarbone) and over the hips (pelvis). The collarbone and pelvic bones can best absorb the impact in the event of an accident.



Seat belt

In order to use a seat belt alone, children must meet the following conditions:

- When seated, their back needs to be flat against the seat with their knees bent over the edge of the seat. They must be able to easily hold this position for the entire trip.
- When the seat belt is buckled, it must lie in the middle of the shoulder and on the hips, not the child's neck or abdomen.

If these conditions are not met, the child should continue to use a booster seat.

For more information on child safety seats, visit the website childcarseat.qc.ca.

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