

Bike Helmet Legislation Chart

CANADA

Provincial and Territorial Bike Helmet Legislation¹

| Province/Territory | Bike Helmet Legislation | Comments |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) section 184 – Bicycle Safety Helmets | Applies to all ages | Effective September 3, 1996 Fine: up to \$100 |
| Alberta Highway Traffic Bicycle Safety Helmet Amendment Act (HTBSHAA) | Applies to only those under 18 years | Effective May 1, 2002 Fine: \$69 |
| Saskatchewan | No provincial legislation | Yorkton is the only municipality with a helmet by-law. Fine: \$5 |
| Manitoba | No provincial legislation | |
| Ontario Highway Traffic Act (HTA) | Applies to only those under 18 years | Effective October 1, 1995, Fine: \$80 December 2006 MPP Milloy passes motion in Ontario Legislature regarding all-helmet use in Ontario. No legislative changes as of yet. |
| Quebec | No provincial legislation | |
| New Brunswick Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) | Applies to all ages | Effective December 15, 1995 Fine: \$21 |
| Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) | Applies to all ages | Effective July 1, 1997: all ages helmet use for cyclists. Effective January 12, 2007: Amendment to MVA requires helmet use for all wheeled activities (bicycle, skate board, inline skates and other wheeled activities), and in all areas (public/private lands and roads, skate parks and playgrounds) require helmet use. Fine: up to \$128.75 |

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| Prince Edward Island Highway Traffic Act (HTA) | Applies to all ages | Effective July 5, 2003 Fine: up to \$100 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | No provincial legislation | Mount Pearl and St. John's have by-laws requiring children under 12 to use helmets; effective since 1994. |
| Yukon | No provincial legislation | City of Whitehorse has an all-ages helmet by-law effective since 2004. |
| Northwest Territories | No provincial legislation | Inuvik has an all-ages helmet by-law, \$25 fine. |
| Nunavut | No provincial legislation | |

Provincial Links:

British Columbia Helmet Law http://www.helmets.org/bc_law.htm

Alberta Helmet Law <http://www.saferoads.com/>, <http://www.gov.ab.ca/acn/200204/12178.html>

Ontario Helmet Law http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90h08_e.htm

New Brunswick Helmet Law <http://www.gnb.ca/acts/acts/m-17.htm>

Nova Scotia Helmet Law http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/bills/58th_2nd/3rd_read/b111.htm, http://www.health-in-action.org/library/pdf/Release/NS_Helmet_Legislation_Proclaimed.pdf

Prince Edward Island Helmet Law <http://www.gov.pe.ca/tpwpei/index.php3?number=1005111>, <http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/statutes/pdf/h-05.pdf>

Other Links:

Safe Kids Canada www.safekidscanada.ca

Canadian Paediatric Society, "Are We Doing Enough: A Status Report on Canadian Public Policy and Child and Youth Health." 2007 Edition.

<http://www.voicesforchildren.ca/documents/CPSreport.pdf>

ThinkFirst Canada <http://www.thinkfirst.ca/default.asp>

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