

# Car Seat Information

In accordance by Transport Canada law, children must be buckled up in a child car seat made for their height and weight. A rear-facing seat is set at an angle to support your child's neck in case of a sudden stop or crash.

## Tips

- All car seats sold in Canada have be approved by Transport Canada.
- Look for the following sign indicating Canadian approval.



- Cross-border shopping will result in an American car seat not a Canadian Approved car seat.
- B.C. law states “A child must be fastened in an infant restraint system used in a rearward facing position and specified by the manufacturer to be appropriate for the child's height and weight, until the child attains age one and weighs 9 kg (20lbs) or more”.
- Before buying ensure your car seat fits in your car.
- Ensure your car seat is correctly installed before labour starts. See link below
- If the car seat has been recalled and/or in a car crash, it will not fully protect your baby, therefore, don't use a 'used' or donated car seat.
- When not in the car use other support and harness systems for your babe ie. Baby's bed, stroller, easy chair etc.
- Once baby is firmly strapped in the car seat, with indoor clothing, then blankets, extra clothing, winter snow suits, etc. goes over babe.
- Follow manufactures directions for 'tight' fit of straps.

## Child Passenger Safety Community Contact in British Columbia

<https://bcps.drivefit.ca/?p=community-educator-contacts>

