



PROCEDURE B-1

SUBJECT: BOOSTER SEATS

Legal references : Section 106 and Regulation 613 of the Highway Traffic Act and Ontario Bill 73

Purpose: To establish a set of procedures for proper booster seat use.

Procedures:

1. The Ministry of Transportation will establish who requires the use of a Booster Seat
2. The Principal or designate will determine a student's requirement based on the conditions below
3. The School Board will provide a safety seat to all eligible students.
4. The School Bus Company shall ensure the seat is installed properly as required by manufacturer's specifications.
5. Vehicle Drivers, Monitors/EA's, Parents or Guardians and School Staff work co-operatively together to ensure that the student is properly secured in the safety seat. It is, by law, the School Bus Driver's responsibility to ensure the student is secured properly.

Booster seats are required for children under the age of eight, weighting 18 kg or more but less and 36 kg (40-80 lb.) and who stands less than 145 cm (4 feet 9 inches) tall.

According to Ontario's Highway Traffic Act, a child can start using a seatbelt alone once *any* one of the following criteria is met:

- The child turns eight years old:
- The child weighs more than 36 kg (80 lb.); or,
- The child is 145 cm (4 feet 9 inches) tall

This procedure applies specifically to all School purpose vans, cars and taxis under 10 passengers as well as Booster seats being used on any vehicle due to physical, emotional, or developmental reasons. When used, they must conform to Provincial requirements including but not limited to student age, weight, and height, installation requirements, collisions, and the documented useful seat life.

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Next Scheduled Review: February 2017 or as required