

Bicycle Helmet Canadian Legislation Chart

Province/Territory	Bike Helmet Legislation ¹	Comments
<p>British Columbia</p> <p>Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) section 184 – Bicycle Safety Helmets</p>	<p>Applies to all ages</p>	<p>Effective September 3, 1996 Fine: up to \$100</p> <p>Effective 2003: The City of Vancouver amended Street and Traffic by-law #2849 to require helmet use for all-wheeled activities including non-motorized skates, skateboards and push- scooters (Sec 77a4).</p>
<p>Alberta</p> <p>Traffic Safety Act, Part 6 Division 5 Section 111 & 112 Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Bicycle Safety Helmet)</p>	<p>Applies to only those under 18 years</p>	<p>Effective May 1, 2002 Fine: \$69 (may vary based on city by-laws).</p>
<p>Saskatchewan</p>	<p>No provincial legislation</p> <p>Applies to only those under 16 years of age in Moose Jaw and Estevan</p> <p>Applies to all ages in Yorkton</p>	<p>Moose Jaw, Estevan and Yorkton are the only municipalities with a helmet by-law. Fine: \$70 (Moose Jaw), \$20 (Estevan), \$5 (Yorkton)</p>
<p>Manitoba</p> <p>Highway Traffic Act, section 145</p>	<p>Applies to only those under 18 years</p>	<p>Effective May 1, 2013 Fine: up to \$50</p>
<p>Ontario</p> <p>Highway Traffic Act (HTA)</p>	<p>Applies to only those under 18 years</p>	<p>Effective October 1, 1995 Fine: \$75</p> <p>December 2006 MPP Milloy passes motion in Ontario Legislature regarding all-helmet use in Ontario. No legislative changes as of yet.</p>
<p>Quebec</p>	<p>No provincial legislation</p>	<p>Projet de la loi 71: Requires mandatory helmets for children under 12 years. Consultations took place in February 2010.</p>

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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). Fine: minimum \$25
Prince Edward Island Highway Traffic Act (HTA)	Applies to all ages	Effective July 5, 2003 Fine: up to \$100
Newfoundland and Labrador Highway Traffic Act (HTA)	Applies to all ages	Effective: April 1, 2015 Fine: \$25 to \$180
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, fine: \$25. Yellowknife has a by-law requiring those under 18 years to wear a helmet, fine: \$25.
Nunavut	No provincial legislation	

Endnotes

¹ For information purposes only. Please consult local authorities for further interpretation and current status.