

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, Vehicle Equipment Regulation, 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: \$97 (may vary based on municipal 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 North Battleford and Yorkton</p>	<p>Estevan (2016), Moose Jaw (2018), North Battleford (2003), and Yorkton (1995) are the only municipalities with a helmet by-law.</p> <p>Fine: Estevan (\$20), Moose Jaw (up to \$50), North Battleford (\$30), and Yorkton (\$25)</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: \$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: \$60</p>

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Quebec	<p>No provincial legislation</p> <p>Applies to only those under 18 years in Sherbrooke</p> <p>Applies to all ages in Cote Saint-Luc and Westmount</p>	<p>Sherbrooke (2011), Cote Saint-Luc (1993), and Westmount (1994) are the only municipalities with a helmet by-law.</p> <p>Fine: Sherbrooke (\$30), Cote Saint-Luc (\$20-\$500), Westmount (\$25-\$1,000)</p>
New Brunswick Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)	Applies to all ages	Effective December 15, 1995 Fine: \$21
Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) – Helmet Regulations	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: \$151.25
Prince Edward Island Highway Traffic Act (HTA)	Applies to all ages	Effective July 5, 2003 Fine: \$100 to \$500
Newfoundland and Labrador Highway Traffic Act (HTA)	Applies to all ages	Effective: April 1, 2015 Fine: \$25 to \$180
Yukon	<p>No provincial legislation</p> <p>Applies to all ages in Whitehorse</p>	City of Whitehorse (2004) is the only municipality with a helmet by-law. Fine: \$50
Northwest Territories	<p>No provincial legislation</p> <p>Applies to only those under 18 years of age in Yellowknife</p> <p>Applies to all ages in Fort Smith and Inuvik</p>	<p>Fort Smith (2011), Inuvik (2011) and Yellowknife (2014) are the only municipalities with a helmet by-law.</p> <p>Fine: Fort Smith (\$10-\$50), Inuvik (\$50), Yellowknife (\$25)</p>

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Nunavut	No provincial legislation	

Endnotes

¹ For information purposes only. Municipal authorities may enact by-laws regulating bicycle helmet use within their jurisdictions. Please consult your local municipality for further interpretation and current status.

Additional Links

Alberta

Specified Penalty Listing: <https://archive.org/details/alberta-specified-penalty-listing-april-2020-specpen-2020/page/n1/mode/2up>

Saskatchewan

Estevan Traffic Bylaw 2016-1963: <http://estevan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2016-1963-Traffic-Bylaw.pdf>

North Battleford Bylaw 1946: https://www.cityofnb.ca/mrws/filedriver/Bylaws/1946_Traffic.pdf

Moose Jaw Traffic Bylaw 5588: <https://moosejaw.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Traffic-Bylaw-5556-.pdf>

Yorkton Bylaw 18/2016: <https://www.yorkton.ca/Modules/Bylaws/Bylaw/Download/64303a4d-be5a-4111-914c-c480104ad18d>

Ontario

Set fines: <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/how-do-i/set-fines/set-fines-i/schedule-43/>

Quebec

Sherbrooke: <https://doi.org/10.24095/hpcdp.40.1.02>

Cote Saint-Luc By-Law 2103: https://cotesaintluc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CSLBylaw2103_EN.pdf

Westmount By-Law 1162: <https://westmount.org/app-reglements/pdf/By-Law1162.pdf>

Nova Scotia

Summary Offence Ticket Booklet: <https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/sots/NSSOTbooklet.pdf>

Yukon

Whitehorse Bicycle Bylaw 2013-35: <https://www.whitehorse.ca/home/showpublisheddocument/108/637553696839400000>

Northwest Territories

Yellowknife By-Law 4795: <https://www.yellowknife.ca/bylaws/Bylaw/Download/ad51bc0b-c8d4-4d37-a7a8-eb09978fa2e5>

Fort Smith By-Law 827: <https://www.fortsmith.ca/sites/default/files/Bylaw%20827%20Bicycle%20Helmet%20Bylaw.pdf>

Inuvik By-Law 2663/TR/21: <https://www.inuvik.ca/en/living-here/resources/By-laws/2663-TR-21-Highway-Traffic-By-law.pdf>