

Cycling Canadian Legislation Chart

Province/Territory	Bike Helmet Legislation ¹	Required Use of Lights/ Reflectors at Night	Required Use of Bells/Horns ²	“Dooring” Legislation ³	Minimum Passing Distance ⁴
British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act	Applies to all ages	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alberta Traffic Safety Act – Vehicle Equipment Regulation, Use of Highway and Rules of the Road	Applies to those under 18 years	Yes	No	Yes	No *New legislation proposed in 2019. No changes as of yet.
Saskatchewan	No provincial law Applies to only those under 16 years of age in Moose Jaw and Estevan. Applies to all ages in Yorkton.	No	No	No	No
Manitoba Highway Traffic Act	Applies to those under 18 years	Yes	No	Yes	No *New legislation proposed in 2019. No changes as of yet.
Ontario Highway Traffic Act	Applies to those under 18 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	1m

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Quebec Highway Safety Code	No provincial law	Yes	No	Yes	1.5m* *On roads >50km/h (1m on roads 50 km/h or less)
New Brunswick Motor Vehicle Act	Applies to all ages	Yes	Yes	Yes	1m
Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act New Traffic Safety Act in 2019	Applies to all ages	Yes	Yes	No *New changes proposed; expected to come into effect in Fall 2019 in the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i> .	1m
Prince Edward Island Highway Traffic Act	Applies to all ages	Yes	Yes	Yes	1m
Newfoundland and Labrador Highway Traffic Act	Applies to all ages	Yes	No	Yes	1.5m* *On roads >60km/h (1m on roads 60 km/h or less)
Yukon Motor Vehicle Act	No provincial law	Yes	No	Yes	No

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Northwest Territories Motor Vehicles Act	No provincial law Applies to all ages in Inuvik. Applies only to those under 18 years of age in Yellowknife.	No	No	Yes	No
Nunavut Motor Vehicles Act	No provincial law	No	No	Yes	No

Endnotes

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

2 Varies by municipality.

3 “Dooring” legislation refers to legislation prohibiting unsafe practices respecting opening the door of a motor vehicle.

4 Some municipalities have passed minimum passing distance bylaws.