



Occupant Safety

March 2018

BUCKLE UP- NO EXCUSES

March is Occupant safety month!

In Alberta, the law requires wearing a seatbelt and it is the driver's responsibility to ensure that all passengers under the age of 16 years are properly restrained in the vehicle. If the passengers are not properly restrained, the driver may receive a seat belt fine. The fine for not wearing a seatbelt is **\$155**.

Any child who is under the age of six years and whose weight does not exceed 18 kgs (40 lb.) must be properly restrained in a child safety seat according to the manufacturer's instructions. The child safety seat must be installed in the vehicle according to both the vehicle manufacturer's and child safety seat manufacturer's instructions. Child safety seats used in Canada must have a label on them stating that the seat meets **Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213**.

The Government of Alberta recommends that once a child graduates from a child safety seat that the child be in a booster seat until they **turn nine or reach a weight of 37 kilograms (80 lbs.)**. Belt Positioning Booster Seats help position the seat belt properly on a child's body. The shoulder belt should lie across the middle of the child's chest and the lap portion of the belt should touch the hips.

CDME Officers will be actively patrolling the town, providing education & enforcement on vehicle occupant restraints!

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