

DID YOU KNOW?

- Children under 18 kg (40 lbs) or 6 years of age **MUST** ride in an approved child seat.
- It is recommended that children weighing between 18-36 kg (40-80 lbs) or 9 years of age, ride in a booster seat.
- Statistically, the safest seating positions for children in a vehicle are the rear seats.



We are here for your safety

If you have any questions or if we can help, please feel free to contact us:

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CHILDREN AND TRAFFIC:

***INFORMATION FOR
HELPING PARENTS MAKE
SAFE DECISIONS WHEN
LOADING, UNLOADING,
AND TRANSPORTING
CHILDREN IN A VEHICLE***



**Think
& Drive**

SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

REMEMBER:

DISTANCE FROM OTHER TRAFFIC IS DISTANCE FROM RISK

- US and Canadian studies both show that the safest place to seat children in a vehicle is the back seat. One US study found the back seats to be 36% safer than the front seats for children 12 and under.
- Statistically, the safest seat in a vehicle is the rear/centre seat. Transport Canada statistics show that this position is up to 25% safer for children than other positions.
- Properly secured child/booster seats have been proven to reduce injuries and fatalities for children involved in motor vehicle collisions.



- ALWAYS load and unload your children from the passenger side of the vehicle
- NEVER have your back turned to oncoming traffic when loading or unloading your children from a vehicle
- ALWAYS know where your children are in relation to traffic hazards
- NEVER place convenience above safety, take the time to make sure your children are safe



ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE LOADING OR UNLOADING CHILDREN FROM YOUR VEHICLE:

1. How busy is the traffic, should I move to a more quiet street ?
2. Is there a risk that my child can fall into, or run out in front of traffic?
3. Do I have my back turned to potential hazards?
4. WHAT IS MY DISTANCE FROM RISK?

THINK ABOUT THIS

WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER BE:

LEGALLY RIGHT IN A PREVENTABLE TRAFFIC COLLISION?

OR

THE ONE WHO PREVENTED IT?

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