

Toddler car seats now the law

Small children are particularly vulnerable in a car, especially in a sudden stop or crash. And who hasn't seen cars whizzing by with youngsters standing on the seat, hanging out the window or lying on the back window shelf?

Well, as of **November 1st**, these potentially dangerous situations should have curtailed some 90,000 toddlers now travelling unrestrained in a motor vehicle, to be placed in car seats designed to hold them safely and securely.

As of **November 1st**, toddlers between 9 and 18 kg (20-40 lbs.) must be in an appropriate, ap-

proved car seat while travelling in their parents' or legal guardian's car - or in a lap belt if in someone else's car. They must be restrained in a front-facing seat, preferably in the back of the car, with the harness straps done up and the seat secured by a lap belt and tether straps.

*The tether strap prevents the seat from pitching forward or sideways in a sudden stop or crash. It also requires a bolt to be securely fastened into the back window shelf or floor, directly behind the child seat.

For parents looking for a car seat, there are

different kinds available in a variety of stores and all meet federal standards. It's good to look for an approved car seat, since other seats designed for use in the home are often available in the same location in the store. However, such seats which are usually cheaper than a car seat, are **not** designed as car seats and do **not** provide the necessary protection.

The appropriate car seat can only be chosen by the parents after careful consideration as to which best suits them and their child. The seat must fit easily into the car and harness buckle must be convenient to do up and undo. If the buckle is a struggle, parents may not take the time to buckle their child in properly.

Seats also come in a variety of widths and

heights so it's well to remember youngsters spend many months in bulky snowsuits and choose accordingly. Choosing an appropriate seat is important is following the manufacturer's instructions as to installation and use. Lives have been lost because these seats have not been used properly.

For over a year now, the newborn, infant to 9 kg. (20 lb.) have been required to travel at all times in a rear-facing infant carrier or the infant position of a convertible seat designed for both infants and toddlers. Infants must be fastened into their seat using the total harness strap and the seat must be securely anchored by a lap belt.

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Poet's Corner

My Memories

I have noticed that as I advance in years, my past becomes more and more vividly impressed upon my daily thinking. Example: this is my daughter's birthday and I am prompted to remember our happiness on her arrival over fifty years ago. I am also prompted to put my immediate memories in verse. The tragedies I speak of are mostly the loss of two sons in car accidents.

Here, I sit alone dreaming of my past,
brooding in my solitude of the days gone by so fast.

It must be human nature as we advance in years
to remember all the heartaches, the joys, as well as tears.

And as I turn the pages in my book of life,
I cannot but be grateful for such a loving wife.

Those pages are so dusty and time has past so soon.
I'd forgot our happiness when our daughter came in June.

Our cup of joy was so complete as the boys came one by one.
We surely could not then foresee the tragedies to come.

My memories are so vivid as I sit here and recall
the passing of my loved one with the pain and anguish of it all.

Those yesterdays have passed my by together with the sorrows,
I think the time has come, at last, to contemplate tomorrows.

Those tomorrows could be wonderful with the understanding and the love
We receive from all our kin folk and the blessings from above.

I know I'll keep on dreaming, it's the privilege of the old
to sit and re-hash memories, until the last story has been told

I've lived a thousand years of progress, in my short stay on earth
and yet, I have to wonder just what it will be worth.

So as my life span shortens with the passing of the days,
thank God for all the happiness I have found in simple ways.
Ed Cavanaugh
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Atikokan Generating Station to re-open

The Atikokan generating station, located on Marmion Lake, 200 km northwest of Thunder Bay, has finally received word that it will be placed back in service as scheduled in December of 1984. Sixty staff will be employed to run the station on a sixteen hour per day - five day a week basis.

Hydro will mothball their Thunder Bay Unit 1, beginning March 1st

of 1984 as current forecasts show that power from that unit and Atikokan will not both be needed during the 1980's. Thunder Bay Unit 1 can supply 100,000 kilowatts whereas the Atikokan station can supply 200,000 kilowatts.

Thunder Bay Unit 1 has been on frozen reserve since the spring of '83 and little work is required to mothball it.

About twenty employees will be declared surplus but will be given every opportunity over the next few months to apply for jobs within the Corporation, including those in Atikokan.

Ontario Hydro claims that by operating Atikokan GS and shutting down Thunder Bay, money will be saved in the long run and their customers will also benefit from these savings.

CANADA POST -

Proper packaging of Christmas parcels

With a large volume of Christmas parcels expected to be sent through the mail again this year, Canada Post is advising its customers proper packaging and addressing will ensure on-time, safe delivery.

Fragile articles should be packed in rigid boxes and protected on all sides with cushioning material such as crushed newspaper, tissue pa-

per or corrugated cardboard. Boxes should also be sealed firmly and all seams covered with strong packaging tape.

Items which could be damaged if bent in transit should carry the words "Do Not Bend" written in block letters above the address.

Parcels may be insured against possible loss or damage. Postal rates vary de-

pending on the destination, weight and speed of service required by the sender. Specific details may be obtained at all post offices.

The rate for cards and first class letters within Canada is 32 cents, 37 cents to the United States and its territories and 64 cents for international destinations other than the U.S.

Vermillion Bay water system extended

The Municipality of Machin will receive grants totalling \$219,000 from the Ministry of Northern Affairs to construct a one kilometre extension of its water supply system.

Northern Affairs Minister Leo Bernier said funds for the project would be provided under the accelerated capital works programme of the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development. Bernier, who is on the BILD

Board, said the water system extension would service a number of residential and commercial properties along the north side of the Trans Canada Highway (Hwy. 17), as well as the new Fort Vermillion Tourist Information Centre.

"This is part of a larger programme of the Ministry to support the development of Vermillion Bay as a tourist gateway to the northern parts of Sunset Country via Hwy. 105,"

said Bernier. "The BILD funding has enabled us to go ahead with this phase of the programme sooner than planned."

When construction of the water system extension is complete, Fort Vermillion will have drinking water for its visitors, while a number of vacant highway lots will be serviced for future commercial development.