

## Penticton Fire Department & BCAA offer free car seat safety inspection

(Penticton, BC – April 29, 2019) – The Penticton Fire Department, in conjunction with BCAA, will be offering free car seat inspection and education to parents and caregivers on Wednesday, May 15 from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm located at Fire Station 202, 285 Dawson Avenue training ground area, (rear of main Fire Station) Penticton.

“If a passenger is less than 16 years of age, there are four different stages of protection related to their transport. The requirements vary depending on the age and/or size of the passenger,” states RCMP Sgt. Ryan McLeod, NCO i/c South Okanagan Traffic Services. “The driver is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate restraints are in place and are being utilized.” Sgt. McLeod also reports, “Fines for an unrestrained or improperly restrained child start at \$109 and will be issued to the driver.”

BCAA recommends keeping children rear-facing as long as possible up to the top height or weight allowed by their particular seats. Once a child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, he/she is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness. After outgrowing the forward-facing car seats, children should be placed in booster seats until they’re big enough to fit seat belts properly without help from a booster seat. The safest place for all kids under 13 is in the back seat of the car.

You must book an appointment prior to the event! To schedule a free seat inspection for Wednesday May 15th, contact Jody Fotherby at 250-490-2318 or email: [jody.fotherby@penticton.ca](mailto:jody.fotherby@penticton.ca)

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