

## MESSAGE FROM THE O.P.P.

The OPP would like to remind parents and caregivers of the Provincial Seatbelt Campaign which runs from September 30 to October 9. It is the law for drivers transporting children under the age of 16 in a motor vehicle to ensure they are properly secured in a seatbelt, child car seat or booster seat, based on their height, weight and age. The primary focus of this year's campaign is booster seats. Booster seats are required for children who have outgrown a child car seat but are too small for a regular seatbelt. The booster seat raises the child so the lap and shoulder belts are properly positioned across their body. Booster seat use reduces the risk for serious injury by 45% for children aged 4- 8 when compared to seatbelt use alone. Parents and caregivers must follow the manufacturer's weight and height requirements for child car seats and booster seats. The law in Ontario allows a child to start using a seatbelt alone once **any one** of the following criteria is met:

- child turns eight years old
- child weighs 36 kg (80 lbs.)
- child is 145 cm (4 feet 9 inches) tall

For further information on safe driving practices in Ontario please visit <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/safe-driving-practices.shtml>

**SEATBELTS AND CAR SEATS SAVE  
LIVES ... PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
BUCKLE UP ... SOMEONE'S LIFE MAY  
DEPEND ON IT!**



Ontario's 2015 Provincial Seatbelt Campaign  
September 30 - October 9