The Saskatchewan **seatbelt law turns 40!**



July 15, 1971: Any vehicle manufactured or imported into Canada must be equipped with seatbelts.



July 1, 1977: Drivers, front-seat passengers and children under 16 years of age require seatbelts.



Nov. 1, 1983: If there are more passengers than seatbelts, seats with seatbelts must be given to children first. Use of child restraints introduced.



March 16, 1993: Taxi drivers, bus drivers and police officers exempt from wearing seatbelts if they feel their safety may be compromised by passengers.



June 27, 2014: Mandatory booster seats for all children under 7 years of age, less than 145 cm (4'9") and 36 kg (80 lbs).



1973 & 1974: Buses and commercial vehicles across Canada fitted with seatbelts for drivers.



May 9, 1980: All passengers, including children, must wear a seatbelt if available.



Aug. 24, 1992: If there is a lap belt and torso strap, the torso strap cannot be worn under the arm or behind the back.



Oct. 1, 2000: Child passengers weighing less than 18 kg. required to use proper child restraints, regardless of who is transporting the child, except in taxis and school buses.

