

Christmas 2006 Message
Hon. Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care

I'm Linda Reid. I'm the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the riding of Richmond East and the minister in British Columbia responsible for child care.

It is my great joy today to bring greetings to your family and to your friends as we move into the Christmas season in British Columbia. I wish you great joy, great blessings. I will be celebrating with my two small children - I have a two year old and a six year old – and it is important that we make sure that children have a glorious, relaxing Christmas vacation as we go forward.

On behalf of the ministry, I want to take the time to talk about a particular initiative. The booster seat initiative in British Columbia looks at how we place children between the ages of four and eight in proper car restraints because the seat belt alone does not keep them secure. We lost 860 children in British Columbia last year. I don't want that to happen in this coming year. Please, if your children weigh between 40 and 80 pounds they need to be properly secured in a child booster seat in British Columbia. I want every single child in this province to be safe and secure as we move into 2007.

Thank you very much and have a glorious, glorious New Year.