**Canadian Case Law Summary on "Reasonable" Corporal Punishment Prior to 2004**

Punishment causing bruises is not necessarily excessive --
**R. v. Wheeler, Yukon, 1990**

Striking with a belt is perhaps a little distasteful but is authorized by law
**R. v. L.A.K., Newfoundland, 1992**

Kicking and hitting an eight year old is well within the range of generally accepted punishment - mild compared to what I received as a child
**R.v. K. (M), Manitoba, 1993**

Slap to head not per se excessive force
**R. v. D.W., Alberta, 1995**

A hard body blow was necessary for a submissive response
**R. v. Pickard, B.C., 1995**

Teenage Boy
Took Mother’s Car w/out Permission
Knocked-Off Bike, Punched, Kicked
Swollen eyes and nose bleed
Acquitted by Trial
Reversed on Appeal – “trial judge erred in holding assault “reasonable”
**R. v. Olsen, ON, 1990**

15 yr-old boy
Talking in Class
Pushed into desk by Hair
Acquitted by Trial, Upheld on Appeal
“Teacher’s action may be disgraceful, but it was not excessive”
***R. Bouillon*, Que., 1993**

13 yr-old boy
Talking in Shop Class
Hit in head with hammer causing pain and bump
Acquitted by Trial
“Head injury benign, No Threat to health”
***R. v. Swanson,* B.C. 1993**

13 yr-old boy
Refused to kick ball in gym
Grabbed by throat, hit on head with clip board
Acquitted by Trial
Teacher showed “incredible restraint”
***R. v. Skidmore,* ON 2000**
Instilling respect even through fear is acceptable
***R. v. Wetmore*, New Brunswick, 1996 (teacher)**
Raising welts does not amount to bodily harm
***R. v. N.S.*, Ontario, 1999**

Section 43 does not restrict discipline to what is appropriate or proportional or that it must be a last resort
**R. v. Bell, Ontario, 2001**