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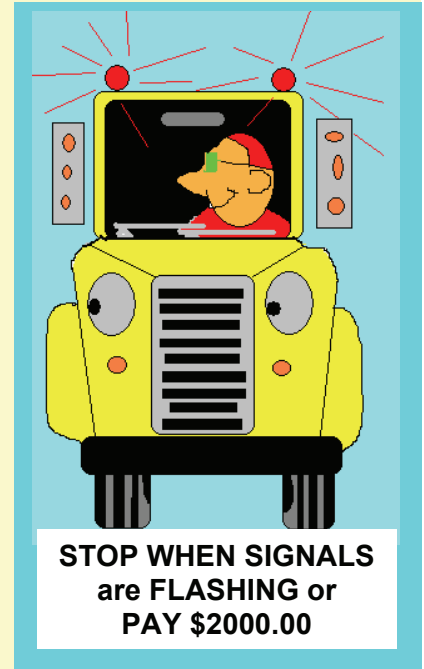


Zero incidents by choice through  
Partnerships for Safety...

## NEW SCHOOL BUS RULES

Beginning September 1, 2005:

- Registered owners of vehicles can be charged if their vehicle illegally passes a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing.
  - School Bus driver only has to provide licence plate number to police for them to issue a ticket to the car owner. In the past the bus driver had to identify the driver to obtain a conviction.
  - Decal must be displayed on rear of bus indicating a fine of up to \$2,000 if bus is illegally passed
  - School buses manufactured after Jan. 1, 2005 must have a crossing arm at the front of the bus.
- Introduced by local Chatham-Kent Essex MPP Pat Hoy



## Statistics and Research

- A recent Transport Canada survey found that one in three Canadian school bus drivers surveyed saw at least one vehicle illegally pass a stopped school bus every day.
- Since 1988, 25 children have died and 75 have been injured in accidents involving school buses.

Canadian Standards Association (CSA)

# NEW

## BOOSTER SEAT RULES

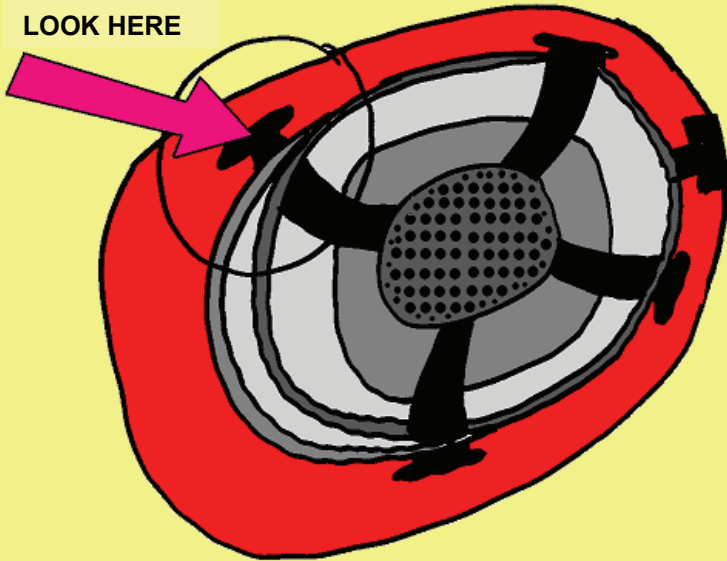
CHANGES as of SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

Booster seats are required for children under the age of eight, weighing more than 18 kg but less than 36 kg (40-80 lbs) and who stand less than 145 cm (4 feet 9 inches) tall. A child can start using a seatbelt alone once *any one* of the following criteria is met:

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

The penalty is two demerit points for not complying with the law.

LOOK HERE



## Potential Hard Hat Defect

- This advisory effects: Model A-69, A-79 and ratchet style suspensions.
- This defect may be found in all colours except “white” and “yellow” hardhats.
- This defect has been noted in hardhats manufactured between November 11<sup>th</sup> 2004 and May 2005

Please inspect your hard hat for a potential problem with the front tab insert slot. Some hard hats have a tab slot which is too loose-fitting. The suspension tab may not lock in securely and could pop out when bumped. Inspect the tab by checking to make sure it remains in place adequately. Replace hard hat if defective.

For further information contact your North Distributor  
Or their website at:  
[http://www.northsafety.com/can/en/bs\\_home.html](http://www.northsafety.com/can/en/bs_home.html)

## Hazardous Condition Reporting Committee

This Safety Partnership Sub Committee is currently working on a new card to take the place of the current yellow Near Miss Reporting card. If you have any ideas on content, colour or design, please contact Peter Stock at the IEC as soon as possible. [bbs@sarniasafety.com](mailto:bbs@sarniasafety.com) or 337-1716. Thanks!

## Health Note Quote:

Charles Gerba, a microbiologist at the University of Arizona, found the typical office desk harbors some 400 times more disease-causing bacteria than the average toilet seat.

Billy Goldberg and Mark Leyner's book: *Why Do Men Have Nipples?*

## HAZARDOUS CONDITION REPORT

### INSPECTED, REJECTED THEN TESTED

A work crew building a scaffold noticed that a 2 x 12 spruce scaffold plank has a knot running through the plank from one side of the plank to the other.

Considering the potential risks of this hazardous condition, the workers lowered the plank to the ground and then proceeded to “test” this plank by placing each end on a support and then jumping on the middle of the plank.

The plank immediately splits in half!

Good call on identifying and removing a hazardous condition BEFORE an injury could occur.

Although the lumber company is under contract to supply wood that is inspected and meets industry scaffold standards, it pays to be diligent and inspect all materials before using.

This hazardous condition could have resulted in serious injury or death!

## WEBSITE of the MONTH

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/schoolbus/schoolbus.htm>

**School Bus Resource Safety Guide**