

# Albemarle County School Transportation Services

Transporting Passengers Safely



# Vehicle Inspection for a City Bus



*\*\*Please remember: This section refers to any passenger CMV and not necessarily to a school bus. The vehicle inspection is not up to ACPS standards, but you must familiarize yourself with the following for DMV CDL standards:*

- Tires on the front of a bus must not be recapped or re-grooved.
- Interior parts to be checked: handhold railings, floor covering, signaling devices, emergency exit handles, seats securely fastened.
- Never drive a bus with an “Emergency Exit” sign door or window open.
- However, you may LOCK some emergency roof hatches in a partly open position for fresh air.





# Hazardous Materials

Do not transport any hazardous materials unless you are sure the rules allow you to do so.

Buses **MAY** carry:

- Small arms ammunition labeled ORM-D
- Emergency hospital supplies and drugs
- *“Small amounts of some other materials if the shipper cannot send them any other way”* DMV manual Page 4-2





# Forbidden Hazardous Materials



## Buses must never carry:

- ◀ Division 2.3 poison gas
- ◀ Liquid class 6 poison
- ◀ Tear gas
- ◀ Irritating material
- ◀ More than 100 pounds of solid Class 6 poisons
- ◀ Explosives in the space occupied by people
- ◀ More than 500 pounds of total allowed hazardous materials and no more than 100 pounds of any one class

**Riders are never allowed to carry on common hazards such as car batteries or gasoline.**

# For Safety Sake



- **Standee Line:** All riders must stand behind the Standee Line
- **Charter buses** should not allow riders on the bus until departure time to prevent theft and/or vandalism on the bus.
- **Always scan** the interior of the bus as well as the road ahead for potential hazards.
- **Drunk or disruptive drivers** should be let off the bus at safe, well-lit areas with other people around.



# Railroad-highway Stops

- Buses must stop no less than 15 and no more than 50 feet from railroad crossings
- **Never change gears when crossing a RR track**
- You do not have to stop, but must slow down and check for other vehicles:
  - At streetcar crossings
  - Where police are directing traffic
  - If a traffic signal is green
  - Crossings marked exempt or abandoned
  - Stop at least 50 feet before a drawbridge







## Prohibited Practices

- Unless absolutely necessary, avoid fueling your bus with passengers on board. Never refuel in a closed building with riders on board.
- Do not talk with riders, or engage in any other distracted activity, while driving. (This would be impossible for a school bus driver)
- Do not tow or push a bus with riders aboard unless getting off the bus would be unsafe.



# Use of Brake-Door Interlocks



- Some buses may have a brake and accelerator interlock system.
- The system will apply the brakes and hold the throttle in idle position when the rear door is open.
- The interlock will release when you close the door.

Do not use this feature in place of the emergency brake.



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## Passenger Quiz