

Final Rule

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DIGEST

Adds [575 IAC 1-10](#) to require school bus drivers to provide safety belt instruction and conduct bus evacuation drills. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[575 IAC 1-10](#)

SECTION 1. [575 IAC 1-10](#) IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 10. Safety Belt Instruction and Bus Evacuation Drills

[575 IAC 1-10-1](#) Safety belt instruction

Authority: [IC 20-27-3-6.5](#)

Affected: [IC 9-19-10-2](#); [IC 20-27-8](#)

Sec. 1. (a) A school bus driver operating a school bus that is equipped with safety belts meeting the standards set forth in [IC 9-19-10-2](#), not including the driver's safety belt, shall at least once a semester provide instruction to the passengers on the school bus on the proper fastening of the safety belt.

(b) The instruction shall include the following:

- (1) Proper position of the safety belt when fastened.
- (2) How tight the safety belt should be when fastened.
- (3) Improper safety belt placement.
- (4) Requirements for use of safety belts.
- (5) Consequences of failure to use or improperly using safety belts.

(c) Documentation of the completed training for each bus shall be reported to the designated school corporation or private school representative.

(d) Documentation of the completed training for each district or private school shall be reported to the department of education by June 30 of each year.

(State School Bus Committee; [575 IAC 1-10-1](#); filed Aug 15, 2014, 10:06 a.m.: [20140910-IR-575130541FRA](#))

[575 IAC 1-10-2](#) Bus evacuation drills

Authority: [IC 20-27-3-6.5](#)

Affected: [IC 20-27-8](#)

Sec. 2. (a) A school bus driver operating a school bus shall at least once a semester conduct a school bus passenger evacuation drill.

(b) All school bus passenger evacuation drills shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (1) Be completed in two (2) minutes or less.
- (2) Be conducted within forty-five (45) school days of the beginning date of each semester.
- (3) Use only emergency exit doors or service door for the passenger evacuation drill.
- (4) Driver must be present at all passenger evacuation drills.

(c) At the completion of each school year, the bus passenger evacuation drills for each school corporation or private school shall have included the following:

- (1) The use of all emergency exit doors and service door.
- (2) One (1) drill with the school bus driver not directing the passenger evacuation drill.

(3) Each student receiving appropriate instruction for the passenger evacuation drill.

(d) Documentation of the bus passenger evacuation drill shall be reported to the designated school corporation or private school representative.

(e) Documentation of the bus passenger evacuation drill for each school corporation or private school shall be reported to the department of education by June 30 of each year.

(f) Any student exempted from physical participation in a passenger evacuation drill shall have documentation on file at the school.

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