



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Transportation Safety

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Dear Illinois School Bus Operator or Transportation Official:

School is once again in session and it is time to focus on school bus safety. School bus drivers must remember that school bus safety begins with them. They must always be focused and alert; a momentary lapse in concentration could result in tragedy.

## **NONSCHEDULED BUS INSPECTIONS**

IDOT amended its Nonscheduled Bus Inspection rule in June of this year. The amended rule can be found at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/092/09200456sections.html>. This rule is currently in effect and being enforced by IDOT vehicle inspectors.

## **WHEELCHAIR DECALS**

Wheelchair decals can be located in two places on a school bus. The decal can be located either on the right rear glazing below the rear passenger seat back or on the lift door glazing. Please be sure to affix wheelchair decals in either of these two locations.

## **ELECTRONIC CHILD CHECK SYSTEM**

The law requires if a mechanical or electronic child check system is installed, the system shall require, when the driver turns off the vehicle's ignition system, at least one interior light must illuminate to assist the driver is seeing in and under the seats during a visual sweep of the bus. If your organization utilizes an electronic or mechanical child check system, please verify interior lights illuminate the vehicle as required.

## **MAILING DATABASE**

We are in the process of creating an e-mail database that corresponds to the existing school bus industry database we currently utilize. You or your organization are currently on our mailing list as shown on the label on Page 2.

Please make any changes to your organization's address/contact name and provide an e-mail address and phone number. Either mail Page 2 back to us at the address provided above and below or e-mail your changes/additions to Kim Periman at [kim.periman@illinois.gov](mailto:kim.periman@illinois.gov). Please be sure to include the information the label displays below in order to locate and update your organization on our database. Please respond on or before **October 17, 2014**. **If you do not respond to this request, all contact information will be deleted.**

Current Address/Contact Name:

Updated Address/Contact Name (if necessary)/Phone **AND E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

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If you have any questions, please contact Dan Thompson at the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Transportation Safety at 217/785-3046 or by e-mail at [dan.f.thompson@illinois.gov](mailto:dan.f.thompson@illinois.gov).

Thank you for helping us update our database; our goal is to email this document next year. Please have a safe school bus transportation year!

Sincerely,

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