

INDUSTRY NOTICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF REGULATORY CHANGE FOR PSB OPERATORS

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For Perimeter Seating Buses (PSB):

- Effective December 1, 2018: Consent forms required for unaccompanied minors
 - Effective April 1, 2019 or the date on which the licensee's special authorization is amended to authorize an additional vehicle (whichever is earlier) safety monitors required for unaccompanied minors

What's Changing?

To help improve the safety of minors the following regulatory changes are highlighted below:

1. PSB operators are required to obtain consent forms for every unaccompanied minor (under the age of 19) with bookings made **after December 1, 2018**.
 - Parents or legal guardians will sign a consent form that contains information about the pick-up and drop-off times, locations, and procedures for the particular excursion, legal and safety requirements of party bus services, and how to report a concern or get more information about passenger safety.
 - Drivers will check the identification of all passengers and confirm there is a consent form for each unaccompanied minor before departing.

The consent form is attached to this Notice.

2. PSB Operators must provide a safety monitor(s) anytime there is an unaccompanied minor on and after the earliest of the following dates:
 - **April 1, 2019, or**
 - **The date on which the licensee's special authorization is amended to authorize an additional vehicle.**

The PSB operator must provide a safety monitor when there is between one and 15 minor passengers, and another safety monitor must be present for each additional 15 minor passengers, up to a total of four safety monitors if there are more than 45 minors.

The safety monitor:

- must be employed or retained by the PSB operator
- must not be the driver of the party bus
- must be at least 25 years old, and
- must have had a background check and training as specified by the Board.

The role of the safety monitor is monitor compliance with statutory safety requirements and the conduct of the passengers. The safety monitor must report any unsafe or illegal conduct to the driver, who is responsible for the safe and lawful operation of the vehicle.

Why are these changes being made?

These changes are being made to improve safety for minor passengers.

These changes are a follow-up to the government's announcement in October regarding the development of safety measures for the industry.