

Transportation of Oversize Items on Yellow School Bus

Oversize items on a school bus can become a safety hazard if the bus has to stop suddenly or is involved in a collision. Students cannot bring oversize items on board the bus unless the item can be secured safely. This means that the item must be in a backpack, closed bag or carrying case and placed on the child's lap or between their legs on the floor of the bus. Items cannot block aisles or emergency exits.

As per the Province of Alberta's Traffic Safety Act:

Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation AR 121/2009

School bus Operation Requirements

Limitation on use of school bus

19(1) Subject to subsection (3), section 52 of the School Act and the Student Transportation Regulation (AR 250/98), a school board shall use only a school bus to transport students to or from a school.

Prohibitions

23(2) When a school bus is used for a purpose under section 19, no person shall convey in or on the school bus

(e) anything

ii) that might endanger the lives or safety of persons in the bus.

Vehicle Equipment Regulation AR 122/2009

Other Equipment

Transporting goods

65(1) A person shall not use a vehicle to transport goods unless

(a) the vehicle is constructed to carry the goods, and

(b) there is equipment on the vehicle or attached to the vehicle that is capable of securing the goods to ensure that the vehicle can be operated safely when loaded and without danger of

- (ii) the load shifting, swaying, blowing off, falling off, leaking or otherwise escaping.

As per the National Safety Code for Motor Carriers:

Standard 10: Cargo Securement

Safety responsibility

(1) A carrier shall not permit a driver to operate a vehicle where the cargo transported in or on the vehicle is not contained, immobilized or secured in accordance with this Standard.

(2) A driver shall not operate a vehicle where the cargo transported in or on the vehicle is not contained, immobilized or secured in accordance with this Standard.

Cargo securement

Cargo transported by a vehicle shall be contained, immobilized or secured so that it cannot

- (b) shift upon or within the vehicle to such an extent that the vehicle's stability or maneuverability is adversely affected

Therefore, tubas, French horns, guitars, saxophones, trombones, hockey sticks, hockey bags, skateboards, curling brooms, etc., are not be permitted on the bus.

If you have any questions, please contact Transportation Services at 780-460-3712.