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### **SCHOLAR TRANSPORT, OUR SAFETY CONCERN**

**JOHANNESBURG -:** The reopening of schools for the majority of schools in the country is fast approaching and the safety of scholars on their way to and from school remains a major safety concern.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation has noted the high number of accidents among scholar transport vehicles. Major concerns that have been observed include the lack of use of seatbelts, overloading and the transportation of learners at the back of bakkies which is unsafe.

These accidents and fatalities can be avoided by parents making sure that the operators they select to transport their children are compliant and adhere to all safety precautions. Operators can also prevent crashes by making sure that their vehicles are serviced and checked regularly for possible defects prior to their use.

In a joint effort to ensure the safety of our children on the road, parents are urged to ensure the following before choosing a scholar transport operator:

- Enquire with the owner about the number of learners transported on each trip to ascertain that there will be no overloading.



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- Make sure that your child will be properly restrained in the unfortunate event of an accident
- Check if the driver has a valid driver's license and PDP where applicable
- Check if the vehicle is serviced and has a valid disc

The safety of our children remains a priority and the onus is on every parent to make sure that transport operator they choose is one who is fit for the purpose of transporting their children safely.

Operators are urged to ensure that their vehicles are fit and ready to transport learners safely between home and school. They are also urged to leave on time and prevent breaking the rules of the road while chasing time.

Law enforcement officers will have various operations nationwide to clamp down on lawlessness and to make sure that there is no overloading.

Help us reduce the number of fatalities, do the right thing and ride safe.

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