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Safe siting of school bus stops – Information

Land Transport New Zealand (Land Transport NZ) is part of a national group working to find ways to reduce risks around school bus operation. The group has identified a number of issues and one of these was the siting of school bus stops. To this end Land Transport NZ has developed, in consultation with the national group, guidelines for the safe siting of school bus stops.

The guidelines have been developed primarily for Ministry of Education agents who are responsible for checking routes used by school buses. The guidelines describe:

- appropriate visibility requirements
- the desirability of good pull-off area for the buses
- need to avoid hazards students may face getting to and from the stop
- space for the students at the stop
- the need for places where vehicles, used by parents or other care givers who may drive the students to or from the bus stop, can stop.

The agents are encouraged to discuss the routes and bus stops with the bus drivers and operators when existing or proposed stops are assessed for risk and, where stops do not adequately meet the guidelines, seek alternative locations. Where alternatives cannot be found or there is a possibility some minor work might remove the problem it is recommended the road controlling authority be approached.

The guidelines are available on the Land Transport NZ web site at

<http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/road-user-safety/school-buses/index.html>

Other information in relation to school bus safety can be found elsewhere on the Land Transport NZ site and on the Ministry of Education web site at:

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/index.cfm?layout=document&documentid=9987&data=1>

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