

# Need to hire a bus...

## Make sure it's safe for the road!

The Road Safety authority is engaged in a campaign to promote the safety of buses used for the transport of children to and from school and school related activities as well as excursions, tours and sports activities etc. We wish to raise awareness amongst schools, parents, voluntary groups, youth clubs and sports organisations as to how you can make sure bus providers are providing safe buses to transport children.

All bus operators must ensure buses are roadworthy. They must:

- Have regular and good quality preventative maintenance systems in place
- Conduct daily walk-around checks
- Swiftly repair defects
- Ensure buses are tested on time
- Complete an annual self-declaration with the Road Safety Authority

These legal obligations are in place to ensure buses on our roads are safe at all times. When engaging bus providers please be vigilant and seek assurances from the provider that they comply with all relevant legal obligations.

We have developed a compliance checklist "Declaration of Compliance" which you can ask the bus provider to complete to confirm to you that their bus meets all the safety requirements.

*The Road Safety Authority  
Promoting safe transport for children*

If you have concerns about the condition of a bus provided, please raise it with the bus operator or contact the Road Safety Authority directly via [cvrtadmin@rsa.ie](mailto:cvrtadmin@rsa.ie)



Tástáil Ródacmhainneachta um Fheithiclí Tráchtála  
Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Testing

# Declaration of Compliance

I [Insert Name] declare the following conditions are met for all buses and drivers to be used for the transport of passengers.

- Bus Holds a current Certificate of Roadworthiness
- Bus is tested annually and on-time
- A daily walk-around check is conducted each day before bus is driven on the public road
- Any defects are reported, repaired and checked by a suitably qualified person prior to being used on the public road
- A routine and adequate preventative maintenance system is in place
- Bus is self-declared to the Road Safety Authority
- Bus is listed on a Road Passenger Operator's licence
- Driver holds a valid drivers' CPC

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position in Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Legislative Reference

- Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness (Vehicle Testing) (No.2) Regulations 2013 – SI 347 of 2013
- Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) (Vehicle Maintenance and Repair) Regulations 2013 – SI 348 of 2013
- Road Transport Act 2011
- European Communities (Vehicle Drivers Certificate of Professional Competence) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 – SI 359 of 2008

“Guide to keeping your Commercial Vehicle Roadworthy” and further information on bus operator and driver compliance is available at [www.cvrt.ie](http://www.cvrt.ie)