



Motor Coach Safety Fact Sheet

In the wake of the tragic accident in Saskatchewan, Coach and Tour Operators are receiving a number of inquiries from their customers and the public regarding the safety of travel by motor coach. When responding to these enquires you may wish to point out the following facts:

Travel by coach remains the safest way to travel. According to MTO's annual Road Safety Annual Report, out of 775 fatal collisions in 2016, Buses (including transit) were only involved in 6 or .01%. Out of 68,156 total collisions, buses (including transit) were only involved in 643, also .01%.

A Northwestern University study found that compared to other road transportation modes bus travel is by far the safest:



Figures: 2000 - 2009, US

Data: Northwestern University

Many coaches do have seat belts despite a lack of government regulation. A frequent concern raised is the issue of seat belts on coaches. The industry strongly supports all new coaches being required to have seat belts, and we have been lobbying the government for over 10 years to enact such a policy. While the US adopted such a law a couple of years ago, currently, the Canadian government has only gotten as far as issuing a proposed regulation that is still under review and consultation.

Despite apparent government indifference, the coach industry has already largely adopted seat belts on all new equipment. They come as standard equipment on all buses and as a result many coaches now have seat belts, despite the lack of government regulation.

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