



## Luggage / Band Instruments / Other Equipment

Here is an excerpt from Division 35 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations in BC

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### Carrying luggage in bus passenger compartments

**35.09** (1) A person must not drive or operate on a highway a bus or school bus that is transporting passengers and carrying luggage or other equipment in the passenger compartment unless the luggage and other equipment

- (a) do not block or intrude on any aisle or exit,
- (b) are carried in overhead racks which **(No longer allowed in a school bus)**
  - (i) are designed and adequately constructed for the purpose of carrying luggage and equipment,
  - (ii) are equipped with
    - (A) elastic rope or cord
    - (B) doors which secure in the closed position by a positive latching mechanism, or
    - (C) a rigid vertical edge or side of a height equal to 1/2 of the remaining opening,

**THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE to (b) WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN A BUS DOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**

- (iii) extend from the side of the bus to no further than the centreline of the aisle row of forward facing seats, and
- (iv) are free of any projections,
- (c) are stowed under a seat against a barrier that is constructed and placed so that it prevents the luggage and other equipment from sliding forward in the event of an emergency stop, **(No barriers in a school bus)**
- (d) are carried on a passenger's lap, or
- (e) are carried in a luggage compartment enclosed on all sides.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1) (b) (iii), the centreline of the aisle row of seats on a school bus is 20 cm outboard from the inboard edge of each bench seat.

(3) A person must not load a vehicle so as to

- (a) obscure the driver's view ahead or to the right or left side,
- (b) interfere with the free movement of the driver's arms or legs,
- (c) obstruct access to emergency equipment, or
- (d) interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle in any other manner.