



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:2-14-09 Transportation and field trip safety for a certified in-home aide.

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(A) What is to be completed for all trips, including routine trips?

The in-home aide (IHA) is to:

- (1) Have written and signed permission from the parent before transporting or escorting a child away from the home for field trips and routine trips as detailed in appendix A to this rule. The permission slip is to be kept on file at the home for one year from the date of the trip.
- (2) Attach to each child on a routine or field trip, except children being transported only to and from school or only to and from home, identification containing the IHA's name, the child's address and a telephone number to contact in the event the child becomes lost.
- (3) Have first aid supplies as outlined in appendix C to rule 5101:2-14-05 of the Administrative Code.
- (4) Take all supplies needed to provide treatment and medications for any child with a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" transported during the trip, as outlined in rule 5101:2-14-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (5) Have a working cellular phone or other means of immediate communication. Cellular phones are not to be used by a driver while the vehicle is in motion.
- (6) Ensure that if the vehicle used to transport children is manufactured with seat belts, they are utilized by adults and children, with no more than one person strapped in each seat belt. Children or adults are not to be permitted to stand in a moving vehicle, sit on the floor or ride in a vehicle where all seats are not securely anchored.
- (7) The vehicle is to be checked at completion of each trip to ensure that no child has been left in the



vehicle.

(B) What are the driver requirements for a certified IHA who transports children in care?

(1) The IHA driver is to:

(a) Complete the one-time Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) child care transportation training in the Ohio professional registry (OPR), unless public transportation is being used or the school district is providing transportation to and from the child's home.

(b) Ensure that all passengers, including the driver, follow the state of Ohio's child restraint law found in section 4511.81 of the Revised Code when transporting children in care.

(c) Not allow children under twelve years of age to ride in the front seat of any vehicle.

(2) The requirements outlined in paragraph (B) of this rule do not apply to public transportation drivers.

(C) What are the inspection requirements for vehicles used for transporting children in care?

The IHA is to maintain documentation that monthly inspections have been performed, followed by any necessary repairs or other appropriate actions, for the following items:

(1) A visual inspection for the vehicle's tires for wear and adequate pressure.

(2) A visual inspection for working headlights, taillights, signals, mirrors, wiper blades and dash gauges.

(3) An inspection for properly functioning child and driver restraints.

(4) An inspection for properly functioning doors and windows.

(5) An inspection for, and cleaning of, debris from the vehicle's interior.