



Overview

This guide has been developed to provide general information and guidance to the Mennonite community for their safety while using the public roadways.



This Safety Guide was developed by the Township of Melancthon at the request of the Mennonite Community

Safety on Public Roadways: A Guide for the Mennonite Community



Key Considerations for Travel on Public Roadways

Vehicle Visibility

- ♦ **Use of reflective materials such as conspicuity tape:** All buggies should have reflective tape in the rear corners of the buggy to outline it for motorists. Conspicuity tape is highly reflective and can be purchased at hardware



- ♦ **Slow moving sign:** Ensure that all buggies have a slow-moving vehicle sign on the rear of the buggy. The sign is a requirement by law, in accordance with Regulation 616 of the *Highway Traffic Act*.



- ♦ **Lighting:** Ensure that all buggies have two functioning white/yellow front lights and two amber coloured rear lights, plus side reflectors. This will ensure visibility, especially at dawn, dusk and night.

Safety Practices During Poor Weather

- ♦ **Fog or rain:** Use additional lighting during foggy or rainy conditions.
- ♦ **Snow and ice:** Avoid travel during extreme weather conditions, if possible.

Reminders for Users of Public Roadways

- ♦ **Where to drive on the road:** Horse and buggies may be driven on the road or on the shoulder. If the horse and buggy is too wide to be driven completely on the shoulder of the road, the entire horse and buggy **must** be driven on the road. Drivers must exercise extreme caution when it is necessary to move between the shoulder and the road.
- ♦ **Travelling in groups:** If travelling in groups, maintain a single-file line to minimize road obstruction. Keep a safe distance between buggies to avoid collisions.
- ♦ **Stop signs and signals:** Obey all traffic signs and signals, including stop signs and traffic lights.