



### Make It Safe **Make It Visible**

As a farmer, you often travel long distances between fields, requiring travel on public roads throughout Alberta.

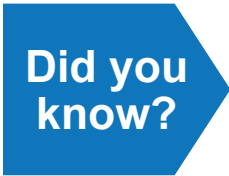


Oversized and slow farm equipment, mixed with traditional highway traffic, can result in collisions and other accidents. You can prevent farm equipment incidents on public roads by focusing on three main areas.

- ✓ **Make your equipment safe and visible:** follow regulated requirements for lighting and signage including a clean slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign as appropriate. Complete a safety check of any vehicles that will be travelling on public highways (hitch pins, tires, etc.)
- ✓ **Follow safe driving tips:** travel at a speed that will ensure you can maintain vehicle control, observe road precautions, avoid busy roads / travel times if possible, always stop and make sure the way is clear, and ensure all drivers have a valid driver's license.
- ✓ **Drive defensively:** stay alert for hazards and if traffic is lined up behind you ensure the shoulder width is sufficient and solid enough to support your equipment before you move over.

For more information visit: [www.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca) to view a copy of the revamped *Safe Transportation of Farm Equipment in Alberta* book.

### Recognize Fatigue



#### Fatigue is a major factor in causing farm-related injuries?

Many farmers push themselves, especially during the really busy times such as fall harvest.

Fatigue can creep up on a person and it is important to recognize common symptoms including: feeling sleepy or tired, headaches and dizziness, poor concentration, slow reflexes, feeling irritable, and aching muscles.

It's important for farmers to recognize things they can do to ward off fatigue such as: get adequate sleep, eat nourishing food, stay hydrated and plan for the physical and mental demands of the fall harvest. Realize when you have had enough and turn the operation over to someone else.

Although the human factor is a significant cause of farm-related hazards, your safety is about the choices you make. It takes just a moment to make a decision that could literally be the difference between life and death.



For more information visit: [www.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca) and query *Harvest Safety Tips*.

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# Traffic Rules for School Bus Safety

Back to school time will soon be upon us and that means school buses will be back on track delivering our children and grandchildren to and from education facilities.

Research shows that many drivers are not prepared for the reappearance of school buses in September, so please be ready and remember to follow the rules and keep our children safe.

! If you pass a school bus that has its alternating amber lamps flashing, pass with caution and keep an eye out for children and adults who may be waiting for the red lamps to begin flashing.

! When the school bus stops to let students on or off, its alternating red lamps will begin flashing and a stop sign will extend from the left side of the school bus. **For both directions, you must come to a full stop about 20 meters** (about four to five car lengths) away from the school bus.

! On a highway divided by a median, when approaching a school bus from the rear follow the same procedures as you would for a highway that is not divided. When approaching from the front with amber or red lights flashing you may proceed with caution.

! Remain stopped until the alternating flashing red lamps are turned off and the stop sign on the driver's side is no longer extended. When proceeding, watch for children who might be playing near the drop off point.

In Alberta, failure to stop for red flashing lights will result in a \$503.00 fine and 6 demerit points. Failure to remain stopped until the red flashing lights are turned off and the stop sign is no longer extended will result in a fine of \$465.00 and 3 demerit points.



## Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For July 2018, the RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For August 2018, the RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh. The RRO rate is also listed on [www.fennrea.com](http://www.fennrea.com)

**The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from the distribution company in your service area.**

For information about the electricity industry and for a list of Alberta licensed retailers, visit the Utilities Consumer Advocate at [www.ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://www.ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call toll free 310-4822. For a list of retailers registered within the FENN REA area visit: [www.fennrea.com](http://www.fennrea.com).

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