

STEPHENSONS

Of Easingwold Ltd

SAFETY CHARTER



When you hire a coach from Stephensons of Easingwold we guarantee to provide:

- 1st class service by a family run business, established since 1990.
- Fully maintained coaches meeting all legal compliances.
- Access to records/audit trails of driver walk around checks, vehicle defects/parts ordered etc., by prior arrangement. This will demonstrate how we run our business and provide for passenger safety.
- Coach fleet under 15 years with 6 under 5 years.
- Coach fleet that includes ECE R66 Regulations vehicles (anti-crush roof)
- Professional drivers receiving regular, in-house training in all aspects of their duties.
- Coaches with choice of two and three point factory fitted safety belts.
- Coaches carrying safety and emergency equipment.
- Coaches fitted with ABS/retarder braking systems, GPRS tracking systems, driver emergency kit, plans to introduce passenger safety information cards shortly, vehicles regularly safety inspected in accordance with VOSA recommendations.
- Coaches with clearly defined emergency exits including rear exit door, specified windows, roof hatches.
- Emergency planning procedures for drivers.
- CRB checked drivers with first aid training.

When we carry children or young people, the organiser/s of the trip is/are required to please:

- Follow any instructions given by, and offer all assistance requested by the driver in providing a safe and reliable service in accordance with his worksheet for the day.
- Inform the driver immediately if any problem arises during the journey.
- Take all reasonable measures to ensure that children/young people do not cause any distractions that might affect the ability of the driver to concentrate on the important task of driving safely.
- Assist the driver in meeting the Driver's Hours Regulations by adhering to times for departures etc. as originally booked.
- Ensure all passengers are wearing safety belts correctly and that belts continue to be worn throughout the journey.
- Know where the exits are positioned and where emergency and safety equipment is stored.
- Ensure luggage is stored safely and exits and aisles are kept clear.
- Ensure two adults are seated at the rear emergency exit and that they are familiar with how to use this emergency exit, and ensure that, as far as possible, adults are seated throughout the coach with the task of pupil supervision.
- Ensure that food and drink is not consumed on the coach and that all passengers observe the no chewing gum policy.
- Leave the coach in a clean and tidy condition at the end of a journey, removing all passenger rubbish when leaving the coach.

This safety charter is designed to improve the safety of every passenger when travelling with Stephensons of Easingwold and has been produced in conjunction with BUSK UK.



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