

SOUTHERN AFRICAN BUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

ROAD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the Southern African Bus Operators Association shall abide by the *Road Safety Code of Conduct* set out hereunder:

1. AIMS

- 1.1 To ensure that customers receive a safe and reliable service from members.
- 1.2 To conduct the business in such a manner that the reputation of SABOA and its members shall in no way be brought into disrepute.
- 1.3 To adhere to common law and statutory laws of South Africa and to operate in the spirit of those laws.

2. VEHICLES

- 2.1 Members shall at all times endeavour to render services to customers using vehicles which are clean and presentable.
- 2.2 Members shall keep their vehicles in a roadworthy and mechanically sound condition.
- 2.3 Members shall ensure that all vehicles are sufficiently insured and that adequate passenger liability insurance is in place at all times.
- 2.4 Members shall ensure that all vehicles are properly licensed in accordance with Road Traffic Act and Regulations and other relevant legislation.
- 2.5 Members shall ensure that all vehicles display the operating company's name.

3. DRIVERS

- 3.1 Members shall only employ drivers who are properly licensed in terms of Road Traffic Act and Regulations and in possession of a valid PrDP at all times.
- 3.2 Members shall ensure that drivers employed to operate their vehicles receive the necessary training.
- 3.3 Members shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all staff adhere to the Road Traffic Act, Act 93 of 1996 and any other relevant legislation that may be applicable, and that drivers are specifically informed of and undertake to adhere to those regulations relating to speed, overloading of vehicles, following distances and overtaking through sound management systems and discipline.
- 3.4 Member's drivers shall perform routine safety inspections on vehicles prior to operating the vehicle.

- 3.5 Member's drivers may not deviate from the authorised route save for an emergency.
- 3.6 Member's drivers should ensure that passengers are dropped off, and collected at designated points only.
- 3.7 Member's drivers should ensure that passengers alight on the side of the road only (i.e. bus stops & termini) and never on the road surface.
- 3.8 Member's drivers should ensure that all passengers are clear of the vehicle before moving off.
- 3.9 Drivers are prohibited from taking alcohol, illegal substances, drugs or smoking whilst on duty.
- 3.10 Drivers shall not be allowed to carry out, or attempt to carry out their duties whilst under the influence of alcohol, drugs or illegal substances.
- 3.11 Drivers are prohibited from speaking on a cell phone whilst operating a moving vehicle.
- 3.12 Member's drivers undertake to always drive safely, with due care and attention, at an appropriate speed for the road and prevailing conditions and within the terms of current traffic legislation.
- 3.13 Drivers must show dignity and respect towards their passengers and other road users.

4. GENERAL

- 4.1 Members are committed to promote road safety in their respective organisations.
- 4.2 Members are committed to continuously train drivers in terms of road safety and the importance thereof.
- 4.3 Members shall familiarise themselves and their staff with the provisions of this *Code of Conduct*.
- 4.4 Members shall observe not only the letter but also the spirit of this *Code of Conduct*, thus giving true significance to the aims and objectives of SABOA.
- 4.5 This Code of Conduct shall be interpreted and applied in terms of the constitution of SABOA.

I/We the undersigned agree to adhere to the above *Road Safety Code of Conduct*.

Signed:

Member:

Date: