

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Directorate of School Education, Kashmir**

Subject: - Safety norms/standards in private schools and school buses-
instructions thereof.

C I R C U L A R

In order to ensure safety and security of school going children, various circulars/guidelines have been issued from time to time by the department, therein impressing upon the school authorities to have fire safety measures and earthquake resistant structures, as also implementation of guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with regard to safety of school buses carrying children, so as to avoid any untoward situation. However, in the wake of recent painful incident involving death of students who were on a picnic trip, it has become imperative that safety measures as prescribed by the extant norms should be implemented by all private schools, for the sole reason that children cannot be compelled to receive education from an unsound and unsafe building, and safety standards in school buses cannot be compromised with.

In the above backdrop, it is impressed upon all existing private schools to: -

- i) Develop their capacities and preparedness to handle unforeseen situations & circumstances.
- ii) Ensure installation of fire extinguishing equipments in schools within a period of 15 days.
- iii) Periodically carry out evaluation of structural aspect of the school building, on yearly basis.
- iv) Ensure that the school building shall be free from inflammable and toxic materials, which if necessary, should be stored safely.
- v) Implement school bus safety norms in letter and spirit.

The aforesaid instructions shall be complied with in letter and spirit and any defiance to the aforesaid instructions shall be viewed seriously, which may also attract suspension/cancellation of registration granted by the competent authority.



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1. Commissioner Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

2. Director Information, J&K, Srinagar. He is requested to publish the aforesaid circular in two leading dailies (English/Urdu) having wide circulation across the valley.
3. All Chief Education Officers/Zonal Education Officers, for furnishing Action Taken Report on the aforesaid instructions within a period of one month.
4. All private schools, for strict compliance.
5. Office file/Website section.