

§351.35 RIDING ON OUTSIDE OF VEHICLES

(A) No person shall hang onto, or ride on the outside of any motor vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley, while it is moving upon a street, highway or roadway, except mechanics or test engineers making repairs or adjustments, or workers performing specialized highway or street maintenance or construction under authority of a public agency.

(B) No operator shall knowingly permit any person to hang onto, or ride on the outside of any motor vehicle, while it is moving upon a street, highway or roadway, except mechanics or test engineers making repairs or adjustments, or workers performing specialized highway or street maintenance or construction under the authority of a public agency.

(C) No driver of a truck, trailer or semitrailer shall knowingly permit any person who has not attained the age of sixteen (16) years to ride in the unenclosed or unroofed cargo storage area of the driver's vehicle, if the vehicle is traveling faster than twenty-five (25) miles per hour, unless either of the following applies:

(1) The cargo storage area of the vehicle is equipped with a properly secured seat to which is attached a seat safety belt that is in compliance with Federal standards for an occupant restraining device as defined in division (A)(2) of section 4513.263 of the Ohio Revised Code, the seat and seat safety belt were installed at the time the vehicle was originally assembled, and the person riding in the cargo storage area is in the seat and is wearing the seat safety belt.

(2) An emergency/public safety exists that threatens the life of the driver or the person being transported in the cargo storage area of the truck, trailer or semitrailer.

(D) No driver of a truck, trailer or semitrailer shall permit any person, except for those workers performing specialized highway or street maintenance or trash collection vehicles or construction under authority of a public agency to ride in the cargo storage area or on a tailgate of the driver's vehicle while the tailgate is unlatched.