



## **TYPES OF ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BUS**

**(The following are samples given by SED, DMV, and DOT)**

Students are prohibited from bringing items which cannot be safely held (in the lap) to prevent the item from becoming a projectile in case of an accident and possibly injuring others. The following items are identified by SED and DOT as unauthorized and not allowed - starting with the most obvious: hazardous materials, gasoline, poisons, explosives, radioactive materials, car batteries, animals, rodents, aquatic pets, insects, reptiles, large or bulky items that cannot safely fit on students' laps and/or interfere with passenger seating space, safety or comfort. Other specific unauthorized items such as musical instruments (other than flutes or clarinets), hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks, baseball bats, ski equipment, large equipment bags, large art displays and any other item of similar size and shape. The items are not limited to just this list. Other examples would be items like bowling balls, hammers, screwdrivers, knives, laser pointers, glass items, etc. Anything that can be detrimental to bus safety or used as an instrument to injure others are prohibited.

Information on unauthorized items can be found in the following references:  
NYSED Pupil Transportation Safety Guidance Manual Section V.B. (Par V.B. 2)  
NYSED Bus Driver Basic and Advance Courses  
School Law (Appeal of Moyer, 37 Educ. Dep't Rep. 335 (1998))  
NYS DMV Regulations 15 NYCRR 721.7(a)  
NYS DMV Commercial Drivers Manual section 4 (par 4.3.2)  
NYS DOT Regulations 17 NYCRR 721.4A 11