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<p>Statement</p>	<p>Pedestrian safety is the responsibility of the local municipality.</p> <p>In situations where the local municipality, at the request of RRDTS, has not been able to resolve a safety issue, hazard transportation may be provided using the following criteria.</p>
<p>Criteria</p>	<p>RRDTS uses the following criteria to make a decision on the safe walkability of a route to school. Each item in and by itself does not warrant such a designation, but a combination of several factors may result in the RRDTS determining that a walking route is "unusually hazardous."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volume of Traffic – RRDTS takes the volume of traffic into consideration for students that have to cross streets or roads. RRDTS uses Provincial warrants developed by the Ontario Traffic Conference with the Ministry of Transportation and adopted by most municipalities. 2. Number of Traveled Lanes of a Road - RRDTS considers the number of traveled lanes a student would have to cross. In most cases, more lanes on a road is an indicator of higher volumes of traffic. 3. Posted Speed Limits – RRDTS takes into consideration the posted speed limits of a street or road. 4. Sidewalks – lack of sidewalks are not a consideration for bus transportation in and by itself. Many of the communities RRDTS serves either by choice or design do not have sidewalks. The combination of lack of sidewalks and other factors such as higher posted speeds and volume of traffic may provide safety consideration for the walking route. 5. Signalized Intersection or Crossings – RRDTS takes into consideration whether there is a signalized intersection. 6. Physical Barriers – RRDTS takes into consideration physical barriers such as construction, bridges without sidewalks or railings, unguarded railroad crossings or unprotected waterways. These may provide safety considerations for the walking route. 7. Grade Level of Students – RRDTS takes into consideration the grade level of a student that has to walk to school. In some situations RRDTS will, in combination with other criteria, such as volume of traffic and number of traveled lanes designate a route unusually hazardous.



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Criteria...continued	<p>8. Historical Designations – RRDTS takes into consideration unusually hazardous route designations that have been in place for a number of years. RRDTS reviews each situation independently using the above criteria to determine if the walking routes should maintain that status.</p>
Procedure	<p>1. RRDTS will use the above criteria to determine if a walking route is safe for students in cases where a new school is opened or a school's attendance boundaries have changed requiring students to walk a different route to school.</p> <p>2. Hazard transportation is reviewed annually.</p> <p>RRDTS has the sole discretion to determine if a walking route is hazardous for students. RRDTS decision is final.</p>