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Wearing of seat belts by Waste & Recycling Truck Drivers

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Sub-rule 264 (2) of the *Road Rules 2008* states that:

The driver must wear the seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened unless the driver is:

- (a) reversing the vehicle, or*
- (b) exempt from wearing a seatbelt under rule 267.*

Sub-rule 267 (2) of the *Road Rules 2008* states that:

A person in or on a motor vehicle is exempt from wearing a seatbelt if:

- (a) the person is engaged in the door-to-door delivery or collection of goods, or in the collection of waste or garbage, and is required to get in or out of the vehicle, or on or off the vehicle, at frequent intervals, and*
- (b) the vehicle is not travelling over 25 kilometres per hour.*

According to the rules above, a driver of a vehicle collecting waste or garbage is not required to wear a seat belt, if the driver is required to get in or out of the vehicle at frequent intervals and the vehicle is not travelling over 25 kilometres per hour.