

## **Industry Advisory**

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## Safety and Shields in Taxis

From time to time, questions come up about the installation of safety shields in taxis. Shields may be installed by any taxi company. Board approval is not required.

The Board views shields as one of many potential initiatives that taxi companies can take to reduce the safety risk of driving a taxi. Taxi driver safety is an significant issue that requires commitment and ongoing actions by drivers, owners and managers. Safety can be advanced through periodic training in driver safety and assault-avoidance training, establishing company safety policies and reporting protocols, use of emergency buttons and codes, location monitoring with GPS, safety shields and safety cameras.

## Resources

- Board | <u>Taxi Camera Programs</u>
- JIBC | TaxiHost Pro Training
- Worksafe BC | Prevention Information Line