

Election signs

Campaign signs are a popular tool for political parties during an election. However, the use of that communications tool needs to be balanced with safety. Signs inadvertently misaligned with provincial rules or regulations can unintentionally become a distraction and a safety hazard for motorists. For this reason, signing regulations have been developed specific to elections.

Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation would like to remind your organization of the relevant legislation within *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997* and *The Erection of Sign Adjacent to Provincial Highway Regulations*, 1986 pursuant to the Act, so that any misunderstandings and impacts on safety can be avoided (Reg11 s5 and s10). The full text of both the Act and pursuant regulations can be found on the Queen's Printer website at www.qp.gov.sk.ca. A summary fact sheet is also attached for your convenience.

Through various elections in the past, it has been the unfortunate task of department officials to ask campaign offices to remove signs because they did not follow the Act. In rare instances of non-compliance, department officials have removed signs from provincial right-of-ways and will do so in the future, if required. It is through this document and by making your organization aware of the Act, that the department hopes to avoid any risks to public safety and impacts to your organization's busy schedule during an election period.

If you have any further questions or are not sure about your election signs, please contact the Traffic Guidance Signing Office at 306-933-8319.