



Election and political signs

Signs are a popular tool for political parties during, after and before an election. However, the use of this communications tool needs to be balanced with safety of the traveling public. 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 the time periods of elections and non-elections.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure would like to remind your organization of the relevant legislation within *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997* and *The Erection of Signs Adjacent to Provincial Highway Regulations, 1986* pursuant to the Act, so that any misunderstandings and adverse 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 and the period outside of them, it has been the unfortunate task of Ministry officials to ask political organizations to remove signs because they contravened the legislation. In rare instances of non-compliance, Ministry officials have removed signs from provincial right-of-ways and will continue to do so in the future, if required. Through these documents and by making your organization aware of the Act, the Ministry hopes to avoid any risks to public safety and impacts to your organization's busy schedule.

If you have any further questions, are unsure about your signs, need to discuss a concern about your signs or have a disagreement with field staff about your signs, please contact the Traffic Guidance Signing Office at 306-933-8319.