

TAXI VIOLENCE – WHAT TO DO?

According to a recent news article, violence involving Saskatchewan Taxi Drivers has apparently become a huge safety concern.

Next door in Manitoba, news bulletins indicate that attacks are coming not only from the seat directly behind the driver but also from everywhere inside the vehicle..... Soon all cabs in Winnipeg will be required to install see-through shields behind the driver as well as protection from the front passenger seat.

However, not all Taxi Companies or the Drivers in Saskatchewan feel that this type of “Sealing” of the Driver is necessary. They comment that sometimes the Drivers are simply not aware of how to handle their customers. Or the Driver is very new and vulnerable and customers might take advantage of the situation. They are worried that installing “Sealing” units in all cabs will give the Cities in Saskatchewan a bad reputation concerning violence.

One company has discretely installed cameras in all their cabs approximately one and a half years ago. The camera takes a picture when the customer enters the cab and a second picture when they leave. If any problems arise prior to reaching their destination, the Driver has plenty of information in the way of pictures to provide to the authorities. As well, these same cameras are appreciated by SGI when an accident occurs – for both reasons *a picture is worth 1000 words*.

In conclusion, SHSA hopes that excellent ideas such as cameras have precedence over ‘Sealing’ units which give Cities a bad reputation. If you would like more information, please contact us at your earliest convenience.