ABSTRACT

Objectives: To identify how well the individuals participating in the study know the Brazilian Traffic Code, especially those articles about the transportation of children in vehicles.

Methods: This was a qualitative and quantitative study. Made of 15 professionals of a company from a city in the countryside of the State of Santa Catarina, the data was collect through a questionnaire, containing open and closed questions, seeking to reach the objectives proposed by this study. The quantitative data were analyzed with the identification of the frequency and average of the results.

Results: Fifteen people, who had children up to 10 years of age and who regularly used the vehicle to carry their children, participated in this study. Of these, 6.7% do not claim to have knowledge about the Brazilian Traffic Code, regarding safety standards for the transportation of children: 80% of those interviewed said they had partial knowledge about the subject and 13.3% reported having detailed knowledge. (This fact indicates that even with all current offenses, there is still little involvement in this care).

Conclusions: Through the analysis of the results, it is noticed that, although a large part of the interviewees have partial knowledge of the Brazilian Traffic Code, these even follow the rules, however they are still driven not by the safety factor to avoid more serious accidents, but by the factor turned to compliance with the rules and to follow them, only as a way to avoid fines.

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