

Safe Loading and Transportation of Children Using Adaptive Equipment

- ✓ Attention to detail
- ✓ Patience
- ✓ Caring
- ✓ Willingness to ask questions



Lift Use – 5 Mistakes to Avoid

1. Distraction while operating lift.
2. Drivers or aides riding lift with child.
3. Children riding lift standing up.
4. Dangling jewelry, clothing or long hair which could be caught in lift machinery.
5. Allowing children or untrained adults to operate lift.



Wheelchair Securement

The Challenge:

Securement systems can be complicated.

- Wheelchairs come in a wide variety of designs, sizes, weights.
- Finding suitable securement points can be difficult.
- Even a “small” securement mistake can result in a WC tipping over. Many children have been injured in such incidents.

Securement Tips:

Attach straps to main WC frame near welded joints.

- Never attach to removable or folding components or wheels.
 - 45 degree angle.
 - Lap – shoulder passenger restraints must be used.
 - Sensitivity when fastening belts.
 - Children can help.
 - “Shake test” - before bus moves.
 - Check securement during ride.
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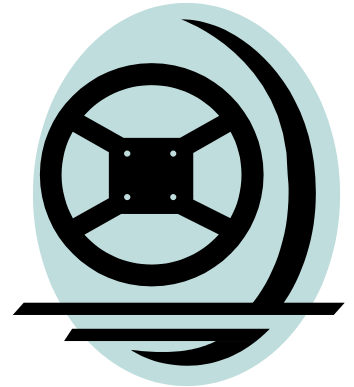
Safety Seats



- Manufacturer's instructions must be followed carefully.
 - Adequately tightening safety seats in school buses can be difficult, but is essential.
 - Use 2 people to secure a safety seat – one kneels on the safety seat, one tightens the belt.
 - Secure seats before picking up children.
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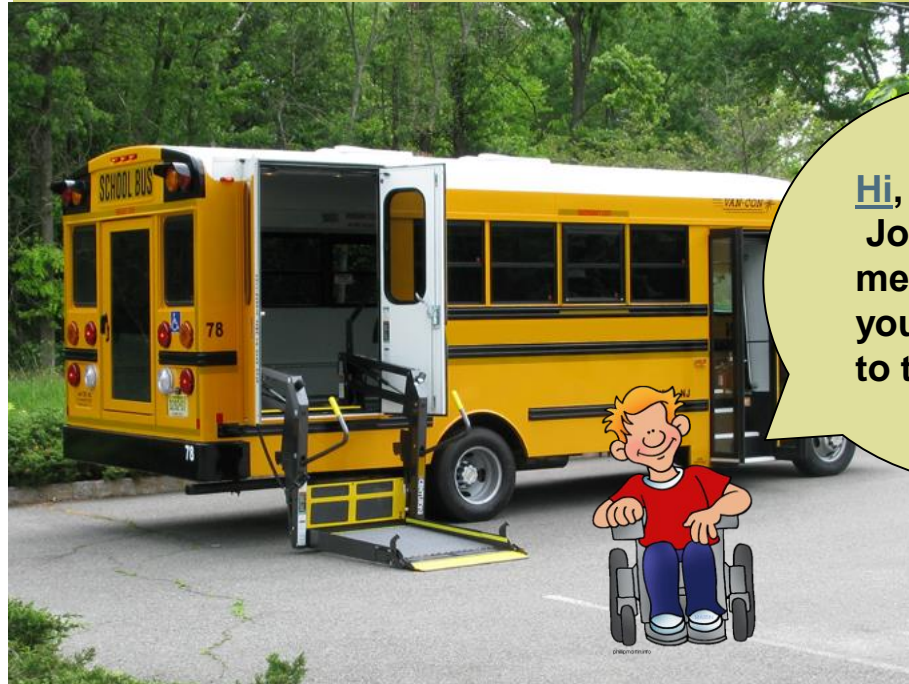
TLC Driving

- Vulnerable passengers deserve special driving skills.
- Children lacking upper body strength and control or with brittle bone syndrome can be seriously injured if the bus hits a bump too hard.
- Bumps are magnified in the rear of the bus – “catapult effect.”
- Smooth starts, stops and turns are the sign of a professional driver.
- Rushing erodes defensive driving skills.



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Safe Loading and Unloading Quiz



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