

**ACCIDENTS**

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**CRASHES**

# CRASHES

Caused by a combination of factors:

- Human Factor
  - involves behavioral actions and errors of the driver
- Vehicle Factor
  - relates to aspects of your vehicle such as size, maneuverability and condition
- Environment Factors
  - Includes the roadway, other vehicles, pedestrians, passengers and weather

# POTENTIAL SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT SITUATIONS

## Contributing factors

- Student inattention during the loading or unloading process
- Driver inattention – due to students, vehicle or their environment
- Improperly adjusted mirrors
- Driver misjudgment while backing, turning or stopping
- Faulty components on vehicle

## **What can be done to avoid these accidents?**

- 1. Emphasize all safety precautions.**
- 2. Pay close attention to the driving task.**
- 3. Gain the proper skills necessary to maneuver the bus and use good professional judgement.**
- 4. Keep mirrors in proper adjustment.**
- 5. Conduct a thorough pre-trip and post-trip inspection.**
- 6. Back only when necessary and if safe to do so.**
- 7. Notify officials when hazards exists.**

## **The Keys to Success**

**The more we know about what causes accidents, the more likely we are to avoid them in the future.**

**Learning from the accident -**

**is accomplished through the accident investigation process.**

## **Reduce or eliminate hazards:**

**A hazard is any real or potential condition that can lead to or cause injury or death; damage to or loss of equipment or property.**

## **Accidents Procedures**

- 1. Stay calm**
- 2. Secure the bus**
- 3. Keep students on bus**
- 4. Notify supervisor immediately**
- 5. Check students for injuries and assist if necessary.**
- 6. Place reflective triangles according to guidelines**
- 7. Do not allow students to leave the scene.**

**Collect all other necessary information and follow local policy.**



## Driver Negligence

1. Occurs when drivers don't follow all rules and regulations and don't practice safe driving.
2. Negligence occurs when someone acts carelessly or fails to act at all, resulting in injury or loss of another person.



Driver can be held personally responsible if a risk is taken and an accident occurs.

## **A few examples of someone driving carelessly:**

- **Eating and drinking while driving**
- **Talking on a cell phone while driving**
- **Sending text messages while driving**
- **Driving under the influence of prescribed medications**

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