

## Safe Ride?



School buses are still the safest way for kids to ride to school.  
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As the wheels on the bus go round and round, many kids are being bounced around. A study showed that about 17,000 accidents occur on school buses each year. **Injuries** range from cuts to broken bones.

Researchers report that crashes aren't causing all of those **injuries**. Kids are sometimes thrown around when buses stop and turn. Some people say those **injuries** could be **prevented** if school buses had seat belts.

Traffic safety experts say seat belts would not **reduce**, or lower, **injuries**. Not all **injuries** occur when kids are in their seats. Nearly one-quarter of **injuries** occur when kids are getting on and off the buses.

School buses are still the safest way for kids to ride to school, says the National School **Transportation** Association. The number of kids injured is only a small fraction of the nearly 24 million kids who travel on school buses each year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Injuries on school buses are caused by

- A. crashes.
- B. kids being thrown around when the bus stops.
- C. accidents while kids get on and off the bus.
- D. all of the above.

2. Some think that seat belts should be on school buses, because

- A. they would prevent crashes.
- B. they would teach children to be safe.
- C. they would remind bus drivers to drive slowly.
- D. they would keep children in their seats.

3. There are about \_\_\_\_\_ accidents on school buses each year.

- A. 24 million
- B. 17 thousand
- C. 24 thousand
- D. 17 million

4. The National School Transportation Association recommends school buses because

- A. school buses are the fastest way to get to school.
- B. school buses are the least expensive way to get to school.
- C. school buses are the safest way to get to school.
- D. all of the above.

5. Do you think there should be seat belts on school buses? Support your opinion.

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