



EIPS Student Transportation Safety NEWSLETTER | SAFETY WEEK

SAFETY MESSAGES

Each day we will be broadcasting radio messages to help remind bus operators about some of the following topics:

Remove or Reduce Risk

Leave room. Stay back at least 4 seconds
Count the kids
Rock & Roll for turns
Adjust your mirrors
Courtesy is contagious
Use your reference points
If late, stay late

No Unsafe Behaviours

Never follow too closely
Know where the students are
Overcome blind spots
Minimize blind spots
Never show a bad mood
Always know you can safely turn
No rushing

In particular we want to focus on reminding your students to wait in the **Safety Zone** after being dropped off at the bus stop.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

A big thank you to our many bus operators who have assisted with practice bus evacuations and Little Elk Island Adventures over the last several weeks. It is really important that all of our bus operators and students know what to do in the event of an emergency.

For more information on the importance of bus evacuation drills, please check out the following article:

<http://www.schoolbusfleet.com/news/715457/driver-hailed-for-evacuating-students-from-school-bus-fire>

LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND

There have been many issues reported of students being left stranded on school buses, sometimes for dangerous amounts of time. Fortunately, EIPS buses are all equipped with the Child Check-Mate System to ensure no child is left behind on the bus.

Please check out this article about the dangers of leaving a child behind:

<http://www.schoolbusfleet.com/article/612436/never-forget-the-danger-of-leaving-a-child-behind>

DRIVER CHAT SESSION

Monday, October 24th



Where: EIPS Central Office Boardroom

When: 8:30-10:30 am
Come when you can, stay as long as you wish

RSVP by October 21

How can Student Transportation make your job easier? We want your input!
In order to ensure good use of your time we are going to change our meeting format.

Please contact Christine if you have any questions!



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I LOVE "ROCK AND ROLL"

Sometimes there are objects that may be temporarily obstructed from the driver's seat view of a bus. We often think about this as having something in our blind-spots. These objects might only be revealed by moving forward and side-to-side in the seat. I like to call this **rocking and rolling**. Not only is this movement good for your back, it also helps a driver to see more of the potential hazards at an intersection.

Intersections contain many unfavorable conditions for bus operators and many collisions occur because an operator does not expect the unexpected to occur. Professional drivers are responsible for a safe and successful vehicle approach, entry and exit when dealing with intersections.

Remember these tips:

- Scan the intersection before you arrive there
- Take a mental snapshot of possible hazards before arriving at the intersection
- Think about what defensive measure may have to be put in motion
- Look all around the vehicle - 'Rock & Roll'
- Proceed with caution and be prepared to take emergency evasive action when necessary

Please note: there is always room for membership in the "Bus Operators' Rock & Roll Hall of Fame," although having a Hit record in your employee file will not get you in!

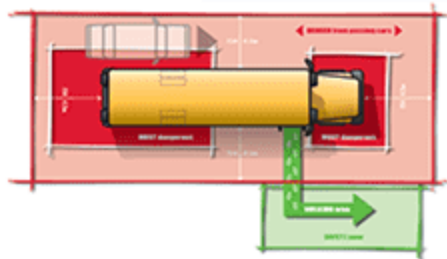
Material adapted from the following:

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<http://www.metro-magazine.com/blogpost/240191/rock-roll-for-bus-operators>

SAFETY ZONE - PARENT HANDOUT

Attached to this newsletter is a Word Document containing information regarding the **Safety Zone**. This document can be used to help educate parents at the bus stops about the **Danger Zone**.



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