

TOOL BOX TALKS

School Bus Driving Safety

Here are some numbers to think about: In 2008, roughly 38,000 people died on American highways. In Missouri alone, roughly 1,000 people die each year. When you have a driving job, you need to think about your safety, and the safety of the coworkers in the vehicle. But, we also have to keep the children riding in our bus safe. Safe driving is easy, but it takes discipline. Do the basics: Increase following distance, scan ahead for obstructions, control distractions (cell phones) & slow down.

WORKSAFE TIPS

SAFETY TIPS FOR BUS DRIVERS

- Wear your seat belt – protects you in a rollover.
- Increase following distance. Don't tailgate.
- Keep your vehicle speed appropriate for conditions.
- Scan the road ahead for stopped traffic, obstructions.
- Always do a daily walk-around safety check.
- Control distractions – pay attention to the road.
- Stay off of the phone. Mothers, fathers and the children on your bus depend on you to drive safely!
- Know procedures for handling unruly riders.
- Make sure tires are properly inflated.
- Keep windows clean, mirrors adjusted.
- Keep warning equipment and lighting working.
- When working alongside other moving buses, wear a high-visibility vest. Don't assume drivers can see you!
- Even though buses now have anti-lock brakes, they cannot stop well at fast speeds. Slow down!
- Avoid falls by keeping steps and walkways clean, dry.
- Use a ladder to access high areas of the bus. Don't tilt the hood and stand on a tire to clean windshield.
- Before backing, Get Out And Look. GOAL method.
- To warn others, beep your horn before backing.
- Make sure an ABC fire extinguisher and first aid kit

Use handrails when entering and exiting the bus.
Keep steps clean and dry.



Make sure all lighting works



Always wear your seatbelt.
Keep your eyes and mind on the road.
Control Distractions

