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Weekly Tool Box Talk: **School Bus Safety**

The National Safety Council says that there were approximately 310,000 school transportation vehicles on the road, traveling more than 2,500,000 miles annually. One out of every seven vehicles was involved in an accident, and an accident occurred every 60 miles. Suddenly the record doesn't look very good. What can we do to improve this record? Think about it.

One of the things we can do as drivers is to recognize and obey the rules of the road. When approaching a school bus, be extra cautious. Look for the vehicle's signals, usually red flashing lights and a raised stop sign on the left side of the bus, and be prepared to stop. Remember that in most states, and in most circumstances, it is unlawful to pass a stopped school bus that is loading or discharging students. You will know this because the bus will have on its red warning flashers. Also remember that most buses stop at railroad crossings. Keep your distance and avoid rear-ending the bus.

In school zones obey restricted speed limits, yield to buses and give them the right of way. When following a bus that is making frequent stops, don't take a chance with an unsafe pass. Be sure you can perform the pass safely and be sure that you are in an authorized passing zone. Don't force the bus driver into a dangerous maneuver such as a sudden stop or to swerve off the road to avoid a crash.

As drivers we must simply use common sense, be courteous and stay within the law. When you see a school bus, think caution. Think of the precious cargo being transported.

School bus accidents are tragic. There is nothing more valuable to a parent than the young child being transported in that bus. As a good driver—remember that you must take an active part in preventing an accident. We must all cooperate to make this school year a safe and happy one.

Safety Recommendations: _____

Job Specific Topics: _____

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