WELCOME!

PLEASE, put your cell phones on VIBRATE!

Ohio's Most Frequent Accidents for those involving school buses					
	Fatal	Inuries	Property	Unknown	Total
ACDA	0	205	486	5	696
Failure to Control	0	30	224	8	260
Failure to Yield	1	59	172	2	234
Improper Backing	0	9	155	3	167
Improper Lane Chg	0	10	136	7	153



Ohio's Typical Accident Data for school bus accidents

Most occur...

- in September or January
- on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday on dry, two-lane roads during daylight hours

- amongst those age 41-50 of the female gender where 91% have had no prior accidents in a conventional bus
- on a regular route

Who's to Blame?

Average of just over 2,000 school buses involved in accidents every year in Ohio

Who was in error:

41% 42% school bus driver other driver 1% 16% animal no error pedestrian

Ohio Statistics

- Two percent (2%) of accidents are caused by knowledge deficit
- Six percent (6%) of accidents are caused by equipment deficit
- 92% of ALL crashes are caused ultimately by DRIVER performance!

National Statistics

- 32 school-age deaths per year in school bus related crashes
- 2/3 (about 26) occur outside the bus
- 2/3 of THOSE (about 15) are killed by their own school bus

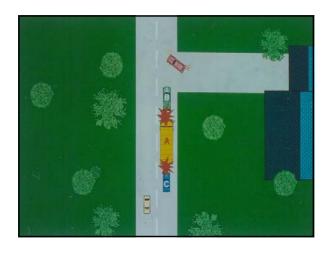
...usually by the front of the bus!

WHAT IS A PREVENTABLE ACCIDENT?

An accident in which the driver failed to do everything possible to avoid it.

How can we be certain that an accident was avoidable?

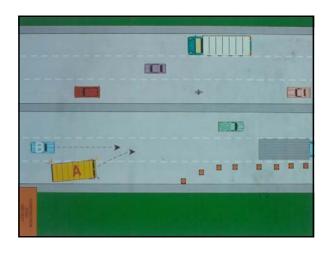




"I was traveling on a city street in my bus (A). I was maintaining a safe following distance behind the vehicle ahead. Although the posted speed limit was 35MPH, I was traveling at 30MPH.

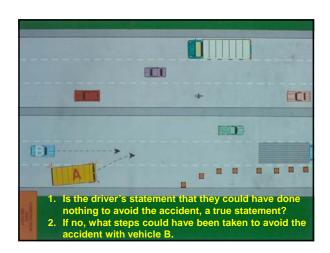
Suddenly, a driver (B) slowed very quickly to avoid hitting a vehicle turning into our lane of traffic. I also had to slow quickly but I rear-ended vehicle (B) and in turn vehicle (C), who was tailgating me, rear-ended my bus."



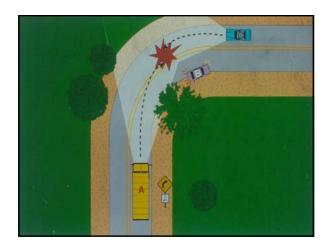


"I was traveling on a highway in my bus (A). I approached a construction zone, at which time I checked my mirrors, signaled to change lanes and began to change lanes.

Another driver (B) sped up when they realized I was changing lanes and the left-rear side of my bus struck the right-front quarter panel of their car. There was nothing I could have done to avoid hitting them!"



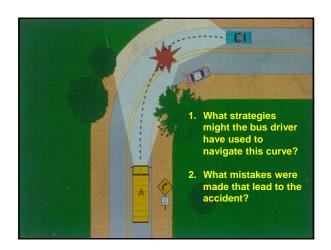
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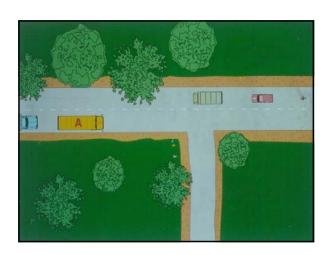


The Bus Driver's Account

"I was driving my bus (A) at dusk as I approached a curve in the road. As I started into the curve, I noticed a car that had broken down on the right, and I compensated by driving across the center line so I would not hit the disabled car.

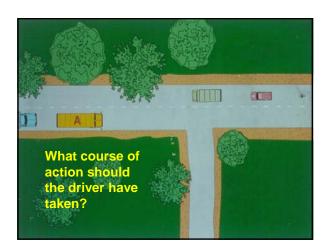
After my bus had crossed the center line, I noticed the other car (B) and it was too late, it hit my bus head-on."





"I was approaching the last stop on my morning route, where I pick up four students at the end of their driveway.

As I activated my amber warning lights, I noticed a semi truck approaching quickly to the rear of my bus. It did not appear as though he planned to stop. I thought I would have to make my pickup before the truck approached the bus, but I misjudged and I was rear-ended with a full bus of children."





"We had a bad snow storm the night before, and I told my supervisor this would happen!

I was almost to the school at the end of my morning route, when the vehicle in front of me (B) came to a sudden stop. I was driving a spare bus that morning and it does not have ABS. I tried to stop, but the brakes locked up and I slammed into the back of the car. If school had been cancelled, this would not have happened!"





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