

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

All buses and other vehicles owned and operated by the division ~~will be~~ are regularly inspected for safety in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Virginia Department of Education.

All accidents regardless of the damage involved must be reported to the Director of Transportation or designee.

Crashes involving school buses resulting in property damage of \$1,500 or more or personal injury will be reported to the Virginia Department of Education at least once per month. The superintendent or designee will notify the Virginia Department of Education of any school bus crash involving serious injuries, requiring professional medical treatment, or death within the next working day after the crash.

No person shall use any wireless telecommunications device, whether handheld or otherwise, while driving a school bus, except in case of an emergency, or when the vehicle is lawfully parked and for the purposes of dispatching. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of two-way radio devices authorized by the owner of the school bus.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 46.2-919.1
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