



Buses are integral to our economy. While the number of buses involved in fatal crashes is trending downward, we must continue to work together to ensure the safe transportation of passengers on our roadways.

Bus Safety

LESSONS LEARNED FROM NTSB CRASH INVESTIGATIONS



Fatigue kills!

Getting less than 5 hours of sleep in a night can lead to a 4x higher crash risk. *Source: AAA*



LARGE BUSES* (those transporting nine or more passengers) were involved in **227 fatal crashes**

in 2016, resulting in **264 FATALITIES.**

**Includes school bus, motorcoach, transit, van-based and other types. Source: FMCSA*

976,161

Number of registered buses on U.S. highways
Source: FMCSA

DRIVERS should...

- ✓ Get enough sleep before driving and take plenty of breaks to refresh. Don't be afraid to tell dispatch that you need more rest.
- ✓ Manage your customers' expectations about the schedule. Don't be pressured to skip rest.
- ✓ Check to see if your meds could be making you sleepy.

OPERATORS should...

- ✓ Implement a fatigue management program based on the North American Fatigue Management Program.
- ✓ Install collision avoidance technologies to mitigate and prevent crashes.

2018

Make this a year of ZERO crashes

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For additional information:

NTSB Most Wanted List

www.ntsbt.gov/safety/mwl/Pages/default.aspx

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance—Resources for Drivers and Fleets

www.cvsa.org/program/programs/international-roadcheck/resources-fleets-drivers/

Federal Motorcoach Carrier Safety Administration—Safety Information for Passenger Carriers

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/passenger-safety/safety-information-passenger-carriers

American Bus Association— Bus Industry Safety Council

www.buses.org/about/councils/BISC

North American Fatigue Management Program

www.nafmp.com/index.php?lang=en

United Motorcoach Association

www.uma.org

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