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POLICY STATEMENT

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School Bus Safety

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The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) supports a comprehensive approach to school bus safety. Government regulators, investigators, manufacturers, and standards organizations should carefully consider the following:

- Increased visibility of stopped school buses, especially when passengers are loading or unloading;
- Continued examination of the role of passenger-dependent personal restraint systems including belts;
- Improved testing and standards for school bus crash worthiness;
- Improved seating design and passenger compartmentalization that is effective and independent of a passenger's positioning or compliance with other safety equipment;
- Improved school bus design that enhances visibility of pedestrians in the proximate vicinity of the bus;
- Improved engineering at school bus stops, including permanent bus stops, shelters, and marked crosswalks at all stops;
- Measures to improve the safety of primary school children at or near bus stops such as crossing guards/patrol guards; and
- Driver education of school bus-related safety at license renewal.