



NATIONAL
SCHOOL
BUS SAFETY
WEEK

The Wheels on the Bus Go Safely Round and Round: National School Bus Safety Week, October 21-25

Happy National School Bus Safety Week! Typically held the third full week in October, National School Bus Safety Week aims to educate students, parents, teachers and drivers on school bus transportation safety practices. The week focuses on raising awareness about the importance of bus safety and reducing preventable accidents involving school buses.

[Click here](#) for more information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Did You Know...?

- Most school buses are **yellow** because it's one of the most **easily noticeable colors**, even in poor weather conditions.
- School buses are **70 times safer** than cars for getting students to school.
- The "Danger Zone" refers to the **10 feet around the bus** where children are most at risk.
- It's illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped with its **red lights flashing** and **stop-arm extended**.



School bus safety training courses for drivers and aides are available through NJSIG's partner, **Vector Solutions**. These training classes are available to our members as part of NJSIG membership.

For these trainings, Vector Solutions has partnered with the School Bus Safety Company, the #1 provider of school bus safety trainings. Their courses have been shown to **reduce accidents by nearly 50%** and cover essential practices that every bus driver and school bus-aide should know to ensure student safety.

Course Title	Author	Duration
Bus Behavior & Discipline	Ted Finlayson-Schueler	19 mins
Child Safety Restraint Systems	Ted Finlayson-Schueler	25 mins
City Driving	Patrick Fitzpatrick	15 mins
Crossing Guard Safety	Keenan & Associates	15 mins
Distracted Driving	Patrick Fitzpatrick	12 mis
Evacuation Planning for Students with Special Needs	Ted Finlayson-Schueler	25 mins
Road Rage	Patrick Fitzpatrick	7 mins
Wheelchair Securement	Manary & Schneider	20 mins
Winter Driving	Patrick Fitzpatrick	15 mins

[Click here for Vector Solutions full library of K-12 staff trainings](#)

If you have any questions regarding NJSIG's Value Added Services, please contact: riskcontrol@njsig.org.

If you have any questions regarding Vector Solutions, please contact: support.education@vectorsolutions.com or 800-434-0154.

[Click here for more information on online defensive driving courses](#)



NJSIG, in partnership with the National Safety Council, provides members with **online Defensive Driving** course as a valuable benefit of their membership. You may take the New Jersey defensive driving course once every 3-years!



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UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS “TRAINING THURSDAY”

Walking on Eggshells: Navigating the Language of Diversity

Thursday, January 16, 2025

9:30am-11:30am

[Register Here](#)

Thursday, January 23, 2025

9:30am-11:30am

[Register Here](#)

A study by the organization, More in Common, shows that 80 percent of Americans believe “political correctness is a problem in our country.” Many people feel cynical about what they feel are the excesses of diversity culture. Yet bias incidents are on the rise in many communities, and talking about issues related to diversity is more important than ever. In this training, participants will explore current research on inclusive language and why it is an important part of dismantling bias. Through interactive exercises, participants will unpack current terminology related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and discuss strategies for using the “language of diversity” in ways that promote understanding rather than division.

QPA Credits: 2 Ethics

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Responding to Bias Incidents in K-12 Schools

Thursday, March 13, 2025

9:30am-11:30am

[Register Here](#)

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:30am-11:30am

[Register Here](#)

According to data from the NJ Office of the Attorney General, almost a quarter of all bias incidents take place in K-12 schools—more than any other place. With bias incidents on the rise, schools have a legal obligation to prevent and address harassment and discrimination in the learning environment. This program provides K-12 school administrators, educators, and staff with an overview of their legal obligations in responding to bias incidents, as defined by the NJ Law Against Discrimination (LAD). Through examples and case studies, participants will examine best practices for schools in complying with both the LAD and their First Amendment obligations, reporting to and cooperating with law enforcement following a bias incident, communicating with community members about bias incidents, as well as strategies for supporting affected communities and bias prevention.

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