

Benefits of Lap-Shoulder Seat Belts



A Safer Future for Every Child Riding a School Bus

Why Seat Belts on School Buses?

Safety

NHTSA has determined lap-shoulder belts offer the optimum form of crash protection for children riding on school buses. The American Academy of Pediatrics cites there are 152,000 injuries each year related to school travel.

Student Behavior

There is no greater deterrent to unruly behavior than keeping



children properly seated. School districts that have adopted lap-shoulder belts have experienced a significant reduction in unruly behavior and bullying on the bus.

Lifelong Habit

Safety education starts on the bus. For most children, the school bus is the first time they ever ride unrestrained in a vehicle. This gives a contradictory message to our children – that seat belts can be unnecessary inside a moving vehicle. So when children get on the bus and they don't buckle, we're missing an opportunity to re-enforce a lifelong habit.

Parent Preference

According to a 2007 American School Bus Council poll, four out of five parents want lap-shoulder belts in large school buses. Six out of ten do not believe that riding on a school bus is as safe as riding a car.

Driver Satisfaction

Happy drivers are more likely to stay on the job. When children are restrained, behavior problems decrease. This means drivers are not only less distracted, but they are more satisfied with their daily work and are less likely to leave their positions.

Environment

When parents feel their children are safer on the school bus, they're less likely to drive their children to school. One full school bus takes 36 passenger cars off the road, resulting in a decrease in traffic and a greener community.

The Lay of the Land with Lap-Shoulder Belts

- Starting in 2005, California required lap-shoulder belts on all new school buses.
- On June 8, 2007, Texas Governor Rick Perry signed legislation that required lap-shoulder belt equipped seats on all new buses starting in September 2010.
- Several states are considering legislation now to require lap shoulder belts on new buses.
- Progressive school districts in 40 U.S. states have moved forward with lap-shoulder belts on newly purchased school buses, without state mandates.



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Who is IMMI?

IMMI knows that without safety and security, there is no education. Our school transportation business revolves around creating a safer future for every child riding a school bus. IMMI has been a safety industry leader for more than 50 years, and our belted seating for school buses not only provides crash protection but also results in improved child behavior on the school bus.

Our ongoing dedication to “Bringing Safety to People” is the hallmark of the company, and this commitment continues today as IMMI pioneers the latest generation of belted seating for school buses.

What is the SafeGuard brand?

Working toward a safer future for every child riding in a vehicle, IMMI operates in partnership with school bus manufacturers and child restraint manufacturers to protect child passengers, from the time they are born until they receive their first set of car keys.

Within the past decade, IMMI has introduced belted seating under its SafeGuard brand to the U.S. school bus, motorcoach and commercial bus industries. SafeGuard-branded child passenger safety systems (car seat components) are world-renowned for ease of installation, ease of use and dependability.

School Transportation Innovation

As the leading innovator in school bus seating, IMMI works in partnership with NHTSA, NTSB, transportation directors and school bus manufacturers to understand the key issues affecting school transportation. We work to truly understand needs and create products that solve problems in the real world.

- In 2002, a school bus equipped with SafeGuard seats became the first bus in the U.S. to transport students secured with lap-shoulder belts. Now hundreds of thousands of children in America are transported every day in belted seats.
- In 2003, IMMI introduced SafeGuard STAR restraints to the school transportation industry, bringing flexible add-on restraints for preschoolers traveling on school buses.
- In 2007, IMMI pioneered SafeGuard FlexSeat, which resolves a long-standing capacity issue in the industry. Now flexible capacity enables belted seating for one, two or three students. This development enables transportation directors to easily use the same buses for elementary, middle and high school routes.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

School districts are entrusted with transporting the community’s most precious resource – their children. Some of the most progressive school districts in the US have moved forward with lap-shoulder belts on newly purchased school buses, due to concerns about student safety. You may be in a position to directly impact the well-being of children in your district.

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