

POLICY:	RELEASE OF UNINJURED STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL BUS MVC- 300.30		
APPROVAL:	VICE PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; MANAGER OF EMS;		
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DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	

I. Purpose:

This policy is designed to assist pre-hospital providers in releasing uninjured minor patients involved in low energy school bus crashes.

II. Policy:

- A. This policy does not apply to crashes in which any child suffers any type of significant injury. Neither shall this policy apply if there is a mechanism of injury that can be reasonably expected to cause significant injury.
- B. It is possible that uninjured children may be released in the field while children from the same bus having minor injuries are transported.
- C. Any child with any injuries should be transported. Only uninjured children may be released in the field.
- D. It remains the responsibility of the pre-hospital providers on the scene to evaluate each patient to assure absence of injury.
- E. Children may be released only to their permanent legal guardian or to appropriate school or school district officials who have documentation from legal guardian allowing them to refuse treatment and transport. Children may not be released to bus drivers.
- F. Children with special healthcare needs should not be released in the field.
- G. It is recommended that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies contact the school districts in their coverage areas discuss with them the implementation of this policy.
- H. Decisions regarding releasing any child should be done in consultation with online Medical Control. If the assessment done by pre-hospital providers on the scene indicates that that any child should be further assessed or treated at the hospital the child should be transported according to System policy.

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