Managing Risks in Transportation

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Getting kids to school and back home safely



Insurance Considerations

If you know you are at fault, do not tell other drivers the school's insurance will pay for your damages:

- Michigan No-Fault Insurance Law
- Road accident, parked vehicle, sitting in car waiting for to pick up student, etc.
- Every claim is different

"They said this and they said that!"

Auto Claim Form

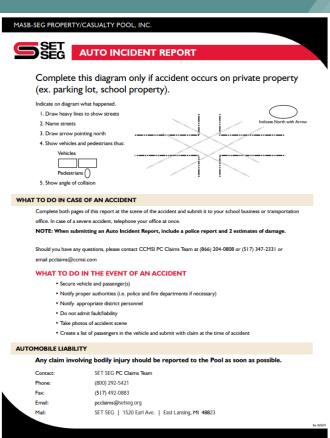
- List in report if minor and school plant to just pay the invoice
- More information is better
- Do not need an estimate to file a claim
- Do not pay invoices before working with SET SEG
- Let appraiser and claims team review estimates/invoices

Auto Incident Report

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"Property/Casualty" tab

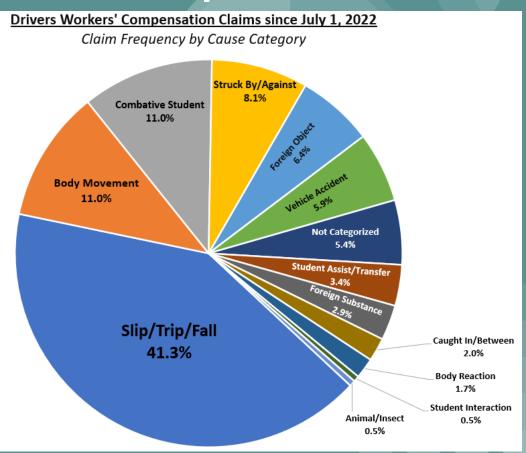
"File A Claim" page





Claim Trends - Worker's Compensation

Costliest Drivers WC Claims by Cause Since 7/1/2022	
Category	Avg. Cost/Claim
Body Movement (Pushing, Pulling, Lifting)	\$8,574
Student Assist/Transfer	\$6,344
Slip/Trip/Fall	\$6,080
Vehicle Accident	\$4,984
All Claims	\$4,655



Claim Trends - Property & Auto Damage

Cost per claim has nearly tripled from 5 years ago

Annual increase of 40% year over year

Inflationary forces to blame

- Vehicle prices and replacement costs are elevated
- Parts and labor to repair buses/other vehicles is also higher



Injuries

• File claims as immediately as possible!!

 SET SEG Adjuster will notify parents on coverages- do not discuss with them

Contact SET SEG for assistance - not just when filing a claim!

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Distracted Driving

As with all of the drivers on the road, distracted drivers are a big problem. School bus drivers are routinely distracted inside the school bus while driving a 40 foot vehicle, during all weather conditions, while being a friend, referee, medic, etc to the students they transport. With today's technology, some drivers could be checking their phones, making calls, and or texting.

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Training

Are you giving your school bus drivers the training they need or just the basics?

- Driving skills
- Pre-trip inspections
- Medical
- Wheelchair securements
- CPI
- Dealing with hostile parents
- Proactive Response Training for School Bus Drivers

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Training of Our Students

- What training do you give to your students?
- How often do you give them training?
- How are you presenting the rules to the students?

School Bus Stops Are They Legal?

- Are you taking all the required steps to ensure the bus stop is legal?
- Do you have the correct distance of visibility?
- Have you weighed the stop being legal against the risk?

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Loading and Unloading Zones

- Are parent drop-off and pick-up separate from the school loading and unloading zone?
- How are the students funneled out of the building?
- Is there a barrier between the parents and school buses?

Traveling in Vehicles Other Than School Owned

In general, the best solution for all pupil transportation is an approved school bus with a qualified school bus driver.

- Does your staff transport students in their private cars?
- Do students transport other students in their cars for school sponsored events?
- Do you require permission slips?
- Do you run the driver through CARS?
- Do you ensure their vehicle is insured?

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Traveling in Vehicles other than the School Bus

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- What size van is legal to transport students to or from school or a school activity?
- What driver credentials are needed?
- Can you use an 11-15 passenger school bus under 26,000 pounds?
- What driver credentials are needed?

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Preventative Maintenance Schedule

- Along with the pre-trip inspections, how often to do your technicians conduct preventative maintenance?
- What are your technicians looking for when conducting your preventative maintenance?



Bus Garage

- What is your protocol for staff other than mechanics in the work bays?
- Is there a policy in place for staff?
- What policies do you have in place for use of the hoist? Tools? Pits?

Bus Yard

- What is the flow for traffic in your yard?
- Do you have underground or above ground fuel tanks?
- Is the lot salted properly before staff arrive?

Questions?



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