

# "What's Your Hurry?"

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The following facts about drivers and school bus safety in the Commonwealth of Virginia to help to substantiate the need for the "What's Your Hurry?" program. Conducted by the Center for the Advancement of Public Health (CAPH) located at George Mason University, "What's Your Hurry?" provides information to schools, parents and the community at large on the dangers of speeding when school buses are present as well as general school bus safety issues.

## **Virginia Drivers and Roads:**

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, there are:

- More than 4,884,271 licensed drivers
- Approximately 5.4 million registered vehicles
- 70,491,000 estimated vehicle miles traveled a year

## **Virginia School Buses and the Law:**

During 1995 (the most recent year for which complete statistics are available):

- No school bus occupants were killed
- 367 school bus occupants were injured
- 538 school bus crashes occurred
  - 3 fatal crashes
  - 203 personal injuries
  - 332 property damages

## **National Level:**

- Since 1977, 2,508 people have died in school bus-related crashes.
  - 56% were occupants of other vehicles
- During the last 10 years, 300 school-age pedestrians (under the age of 19) have died in school bus-related crashes.
  - 64% killed by school buses
  - 30% killed by vehicle involved in the crash
- Half of the school-aged pedestrians killed by school buses in the past 10 years were 5 and 6 year olds.
- On average, 21 school-aged pedestrians are killed by school buses each year.