

INTRUDER AWARENESS/RESPONSE FOR BUS DRIVERS



Bus Driver Awareness, Safety & Intruder Response Training

Although schools are becoming more secure, buses are still often vulnerable targets. However, with proper driver education, buses can be safety zones for students.

School bus drivers, the only adults on the bus who respond effectively, already realize that they have a significant responsibility and may be anxious about this topic. The key to reducing anxiety with our school transportation personnel is to educate them on the topics of awareness, safety, and intruder response. Once they are educated, they really do see that a bus can be secure because of its mobility and design. Drivers are trained to be in an aware state of mind, know how to leverage the environment to their advantage, and look for and respond to threats that may be present both outside and inside the bus. They are prepared to realize that some threats may not present themselves until they are already inside the bus.

Topics include:

- Why are school and mass transit buses a potential target?
- Awareness when approaching bus stops
- Identifying threat areas at bus stops
- What makes buses difficult to board
- Mobility of buses as a deterrent and mitigation response
- Intruder Response – What if the intruder makes it on the bus?
- Response differences to different types of threats