

Legal Liability in Louisiana School Bus Accidents

Printable toolkit for evidence, liability, and insurance defenses

First 72 Hours: Evidence Clock

- Get the crash report number and the investigating agency.
- Write down the route, stop location, and the time window of the incident.
- Photograph the bus, vehicles, stop-arm area, and any skid marks or debris.
- Ask the school or operator to preserve video, GPS, and stop-arm data in writing.
- Get medical evaluation and keep school absence or nurse notes.

Liability Map: Who Might Be Responsible

Possible Party	Evidence To Check
Bus driver	Training, logbooks, video, and route timing
School district / board	Policies, supervision, maintenance, and vendor contracts
Private contractor	Contract scope, insurance IDs, dispatch, and driver file
Another driver	Crash report, citations, witness statements, and vehicle photos
Manufacturer / maintenance vendor	Recall info, inspection records, and component failures

Defense Quick Check: Close The Gaps

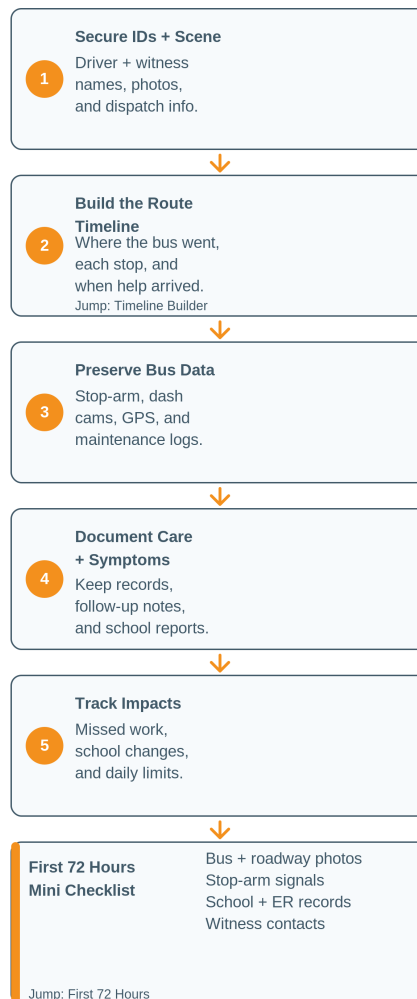
- “Sudden stop” → look for camera footage and GPS timing.
- “Child crossed unexpectedly” → preserve witness names and loading-zone photos.
- “Not our bus / wrong operator” → confirm the contract and insurance identifiers.
- “Minor impact / no injury” → keep consistent medical and school documentation.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Five steps + a first-72-hours checklist

School Bus Accident Evidence Blueprint

Use this sequence
to lock in proof
before it disappears.



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Infographic 2: Defense vs Evidence

Common defense angles and the records that answer them

Defense vs Evidence School Bus Accident

Match each defense
to a specific record
that closes the gap.
Jump: Defense Audit

Common Defense	Evidence Anchor
Sudden stop no warning unsafe stop	Camera + GPS signal timing stop location
Child crossed unexpectedly unavoidable	Witness names loading zone photos + map
Not our bus wrong operator no control	Contract docs insurance IDs dispatch logs
Minor impact no real injury care gaps	same-day eval follow-up notes school reports
Fault split blame shifting percent fights	crash report vehicle photos recon experts

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Free Case Review: School Bus Accident Questions

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What We Do First

- Identify every potentially responsible party and insurance layer.
- Send preservation letters for bus video, GPS, and maintenance records.
- Build a clean timeline and a proof plan around your specific facts.
- Handle insurer communications so your words are not used against you.

Helpful Items (If You Have Them)

- Crash report number or the agency name
- Photos or video from the scene
- Names of witnesses or school contacts
- Medical discharge paperwork or school nurse notes
- A short written timeline of what happened

This toolkit is general information and is not legal advice. Deadlines and responsible parties can change based on the facts.