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4. BUS EVACUATION

Determine Need to Evacuate Bus

The first and most important consideration is for you to recognize the hazard. If time permits, drivers should contact their dispatcher to explain the situation before making a decision to evacuate the school bus. As a general rule, student safety and control is best maintained by keeping students on the bus during an emergency and/or impending crisis situation, if so, doing does not expose them to unnecessary risk or injury. Remember, the decision to evacuate the bus must be a timely one. The driver must evacuate the bus when:

- the bus is on fire or there is a threat of a fire;
- the bus is stalled on or adjacent to a railroad-highway crossing;
- the position of the bus may change and increase the danger;
- there is an imminent danger of collision;
- there is a need to quickly evacuate because of a hazardous materials spill.

Related RCJTC Administrative Procedures

AP.03.04 Bus Evacuation Procedure

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