School Bus Collision Guidance

Guidance

The School Bus Collision Guidance is to help clarify when and how to contact Washington State Patrol (WSP) and actions that follow the collision. It is recommended that this guidance be incorporated into your local district emergency procedures so that district staff have this resource at the critical time when it is needed. Also, it can be helpful to work proactively with local law enforcement agencies on developing collision procedures to prevent adding to an already difficult collision scene.

If you have any questions regarding the guidance provided, contact your regional transportation coordinator (RTC) or WSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer (CVEO) 3 Supervisors.

School Bus Collisions – WSP Inspections

WSP policy states that a school bus inspection trained officer will inspect a school bus involved in a collision in the following circumstances:

1) The collision involves injuries to occupants of the school bus and/or other vehicles involved
    a. Serious injuries requiring transport from the scene
    b. Minor injuries which are non-disabling
    c. Possible injuries reported but not visible (complaint)
2) There is damage to the school bus resulting in $1,000 or more in damage
    a. Major structural damage is defined as any damage or condition that would render the bus unsafe to transport children.
    b. Minor damage exceeding $1,000 or more
3) The investigation officer suspects that defective equipment on the school bus may have contributed to the collision, or
4) The school district involved requests an officer to inspect the bus, in which case a WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor must approve the request.

When to Call WSP

When conditions 1, 2, 3, or 4 above exist, always contact your WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor to request an inspection of the bus. If there is any doubt about whether a bus should be inspected post-collision, contact a WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor for guidance. Contacting WSP provides you with additional protection in case of legal action resulting from the collision.

Upon contacting a WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor, they can help determine if an inspection is necessary, as well as where the inspection should be conducted (i.e., on the collision scene, or later back at the transportation facility). The law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the

area where the collision occurs will conduct the on-scene collision investigation. (Please note that WSP Commercial Vehicle Division (CVD) no longer conducts ALL collision investigations involving school buses).

Who to Contact

When calling to request a school bus inspection because of a collision, contact the WSP communication center in your area. When contacting the communication center, tell the dispatcher that you need to notify a "CVD Supervisor" that a school bus was involved in a collision. The dispatcher will either be able to connect you or will take your information and have a CVD supervisor (or their designee) return your call as soon as possible. (As an alternative, you can also dial "911" and ask the 911 operator to connect you with the nearest WSP communications center.) If you know who your local WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor is, call them directly.

When to Move the Bus

When you speak to a WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor, they will ask for some preliminary information about the collision and then advise you on whether you should move the bus from the scene, and where you should take it (back to the bus garage, or to a nearby safe parking place). It is possible that the law enforcement officer at the scene may give you conflicting information than that from the WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor or may not allow you enough time to contact the WSP. Follow the direction of the officer at the scene. If needed move the bus from the scene but park in a nearby safe location until you can reach the WSP for guidance. If the vehicle is taken back to your garage do not repair any damage until told otherwise by the WSP inspector

Washington State Patrol Contact Information

Each school district is assigned to a WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor.

WSP Contacts

District	WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor	WSP Communication Center
Aberdeen	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Adna	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Almira	Drye	509-682-8099
Anacortes	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Arlington	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Asotin-Anatone	Drye	800-283-7803
Auburn	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Bainbridge Island	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Battle Ground	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Bellevue	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Bellingham	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Benge	Drye	800-283-7803
Bethel	Hoffman	253-538-3135

District	WSP CVEO 3 Supervisor	WSP Communication Center
Bickleton	Drye	509-249-6752
Blaine	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Boistfort	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Bremerton	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Brewster	Drye	509-682-8099
Bridgeport	Drye	509-682-8099
Brinnon	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Burlington-Edison	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Camas	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Cape Flattery	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Carbonado	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Cascade	Drye	509-682-8099
Cashmere	Drye	509-682-8099
Castle Rock	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Centerville	Drye	509-249-6752
Central Kitsap	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Central Valley	Drye	509-227-6560
Centralia	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Chehalis	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Cheney	Drye	509-227-6560
Chewelah	Drye	509-227-6560
Chimacum	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Clarkston	Drye	800-283-7803
Cle Elum-Roslyn	Drye	509-682-8099
Clover Park	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Colfax	Drye	800-283-7803
College Place	Drye	800-283-7803
Colton	Drye	800-283-7803
Columbia (Stevens)	Drye	509-227-6560
Columbia (Walla Walla)	Drye	800-283-7803
Colville	Drye	509-227-6560
Concrete	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Conway	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Cosmopolis	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Coulee-Hartline	Drye	509-682-8099
Coupeville	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Crescent	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Creston	Drye	509-227-6560
Curlew	Drye	509-227-6560
Cusick	Drye	509-227-6560
Damman	Drye	509-249-6752

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Darrington	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Davenport	Drye	509-227-6560
Dayton	Drye	800-283-7803
Deer Park	Drye	509-227-6560
Dieringer	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Dixie	Drye	800-283-7803
East Valley (Spokane)	Drye	509-227-6560
East Valley (Yakima)	Drye	509-249-6752
Eastmont	Drye	509-682-8099
Easton	Drye	509-682-8099
Eatonville	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Edmonds	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Educational Service District #105	Drye	509-249-6752
Educational Service District #112	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Educational Service District #113	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Ellensburg	Drye	509-682-8099
Elma	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Endicott	Drye	800-283-7803
Entiat	Drye	509-682-8099
Enumclaw	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Ephrata	Drye	509-682-8099
Evaline	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Everett	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Evergreen (Clark)	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Evergreen (Stevens)	Drye	509-227-6560
Federal Way	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Ferndale	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Fife	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Finley	Drye	800-283-7803
Franklin Pierce	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Freeman	Drye	509-227-6560
Garfield	Drye	800-283-7803
Glenwood	Drye	509-249-6752
Goldendale	Drye	509-249-6752
Grand Coulee Dam	Drye	509-682-8099
Grandview	Drye	800-283-7803
Granger	Drye	509-249-6752
Granite Falls	Blankenship	360-654-1204

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Grapeview	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Great Northern	Drye	509-227-6560
Green Mountain	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Griffin	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Harrington	Drye	509-227-6560
Highland	Drye	509-249-6752
Highline	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Hockinson	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Hood Canal	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Hoquiam	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Impact Puget Sound	Hoffman	360-654-1204
Inchelium	Drye	509-227-6560
Index	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Issaquah	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Kahlotus	Drye	800-283-7803
Kalama	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Keller	Drye	509-227-6560
Kelso	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Kennewick	Drye	800-283-7803
Kent	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Kettle Falls	Drye	509-227-6560
Kiona-Benton City	Drye	800-283-7803
Kittitas	Drye	509-249-6752
Klickitat	Drye	509-249-6752
La Center	Hoffman	360-449-7950
La Conner	Blankenship	360-654-1204
LaCrosse Joint	Drye	800-283-7803
Lake Chelan	Drye	509-682-8099
Lake Quinault	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Lake Stevens	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Lake Washington	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Lakewood	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Lamont	Drye	509-227-6560
Liberty	Drye	509-227-6560
Lind	Drye	800-283-7803
Longview	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Loon Lake	Drye	509-227-6560
Lopez Island	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Lyle	Drye	509-249-6752
Lynden	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Mabton	Drye	509-249-6752
Mansfield	Drye	509-682-8099

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Manson	Drye	509-682-8099
Mary M Knight	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Mary Walker	Drye	509-227-6560
Marysville	Blankenship	360-654-1204
McCleary	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Mead	Drye	509-227-6560
Medical Lake	Drye	509-227-6560
Mercer Island	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Meridian	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Methow Valley	Drye	509-682-8099
Mill A	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Monroe	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Montesano	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Morton	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Moses Lake	Drye	509-682-8099
Mossyrock	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Mount Adams	Drye	509-249-6752
Mount Baker	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Mount Pleasant	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Mount Vernon	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Mukilteo	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Naches Valley	Drye	509-249-6752
Napavine	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Naselle Grays River	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Nespelem	Drye	509-682-8099
Newport	Drye	509-227-6560
Nine Mile Falls	Drye	509-227-6560
Nooksack Valley	Blankenship	360-654-1204
North Beach	Hoffman	360-473-0319
North Franklin	Drye	800-283-7803
North Kitsap	Hoffman	360-473-0319
North Mason	Hoffman	360-473-0319
North River	Hoffman	360-473-0319
North Thurston	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Northport	Drye	509-227-6560
Northshore	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Oak Harbor	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Oakesdale	Drye	509-227-6560
Oakville	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Ocean Beach	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Ocosta	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Odessa	Drye	509-682-8099

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Okanogan	Drye	509-682-8099
Olympia	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Omak	Drye	509-682-8099
Onalaska	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Onion Creek	Drye	509-227-6560
Orcas Island	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Orchard Prairie	Drye	509-227-6560
Orient	Drye	509-227-6560
Orondo	Drye	509-682-8099
Oroville	Drye	509-682-8099
Orting	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Othello	Drye	800-283-7803
Palisades	Drye	509-682-8099
Palouse	Drye	800-283-7803
Pasco	Drye	800-283-7803
Pateros	Drye	509-682-8099
Paterson	Drye	800-283-7803
Pe Ell	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Peninsula	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Pioneer	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Pomeroy	Drye	800-283-7803
Port Angeles	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Port Townsend	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Prescott	Drye	800-283-7803
Pride Prep	Drye	509-227-6560
Prosser	Drye	509-249-6752
Puget Sound ESD121	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Pullman	Drye	800-283-7803
Puyallup	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Queets-Clearwater	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Quilcene	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Quillayute Valley	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Quincy	Drye	509-682-8099
Rainier	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Rainier Prep	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Rainier Valley Leadership Academy	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Raymond	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Reardan-Edwall	Drye	509-227-6560
Renton	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Republic	Drye	509-227-6560
Richland	Drye	800-283-7803

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Ridgefield	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Ritzville	Drye	800-283-7803
Riverside	Drye	509-227-6560
Riverview	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Rochester	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Roosevelt	Drye	509-249-6752
Rosalia	Drye	509-227-6560
Royal	Drye	800-283-7803
San Juan Island	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Satsop	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Seattle	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Sedro Woolley	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Selah	Drye	509-249-6752
Selkirk	Drye	509-227-6560
Sequim	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Shelton	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Shoreline	Hoffman	360-654-1204
Skamania	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Skykomish	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Snohomish	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Snoqualmie Valley	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Soap Lake	Drye	509-682-8099
South Bend	Hoffman	360-473-0319
South Kitsap	Hoffman	360-473-0319
South Whidbey	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Southside	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Spokane	Drye	509-227-6560
Spokane International Academy	Drye	509-227-6560
Sprague	Drye	509-227-6560
St. John	Drye	509-227-6560
Stanwood-Camano	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Star	Drye	800-283-7803
Starbuck	Drye	800-283-7803
Stehekin	Drye	509-682-8099
Steilacoom Historical	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Steptoe	Drye	800-283-7803
Stevenson-Carson	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Sultan	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Summit Public School	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Summit Valley	Drye	509-227-6560
Sumner	Blankenship	253-538-3135
Sunnyside	Drye	509-249-6752
Tacoma	Hoffman	253-538-3135

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Taholah	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Tahoma	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Tekoa	Drye	509-227-6560
Tenino	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Thorp	Drye	509-249-6752
Toledo	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Tonasket	Drye	509-682-8099
Toppenish	Drye	509-249-6752
Touchet	Drye	800-283-7803
Toutle Lake	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Trout Lake	Drye	509-249-6752
Tukwila	Blankenship	360-654-1204
Tumwater	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Union Gap	Drye	509-249-6752
University Place	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Valley	Drye	509-227-6560
Vancouver	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Vashon Island	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Wahkiakum	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Wahluke	Drye	800-283-7803
Waitsburg	Drye	800-283-7803
Walla Walla	Drye	800-283-7803
Wapato	Drye	509-249-6752
Warden	Drye	800-283-7803
Washougal	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Washtucna	Drye	800-283-7803
Waterville	Drye	509-682-8099
Wellpinit	Drye	509-227-6560
Wenatchee	Drye	509-682-8099
West Valley (Spokane)	Drye	509-227-6560
West Valley (Yakima)	Drye	509-249-6752
White Pass	Hoffman	360-449-7950
White River	Blankenship	253-538-3135
White Salmon	Drye	509-249-6752
Wilbur	Drye	509-227-6560
Willapa Valley	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Wilson Creek	Drye	509-682-8099
Winlock	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Wishkah Valley	Hoffman	360-473-0319
Wishram	Drye	509-249-6752
Woodland	Hoffman	360-449-7950
Yakima	Drye	509-249-6752

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Yelm	Hoffman	253-538-3135
Zillah	Drye	509-249-6752