

EMERGENCY SCHOOL BUS EVACUATION

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- WHEREAS,** The National PTA Statement of Principles (Safety item) states: “We believe that all children and youth should have an education that develops safe habits and attitudes and should have an environment free from avoidable physical hazards;” and
- WHEREAS,** The safety and welfare of children has always been a prime concern of parent-teacher associations everywhere; and
- WHEREAS,** There are currently no requirements for emergency safety instructions for children regarding possible hazards related to riding school buses; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA:
1. Support legislation mandating emergency bus evacuation drills covering possible hazards, such as: collision, fire, bomb threats, earthquakes, smog alerts, and other natural disasters;
 2. Encourage boards of education at all levels to include in their existing civil defense and disaster preparedness programs a plan for emergency bus drills for grades K through 12, with emphasis on K through 6;
 3. Encourage all PTAs to assist local school districts to fulfill their responsibilities to increase children’s knowledge of emergency procedures for vacating a bus; and therefore be it further
- RESOLVED,** That this resolution be submitted for adoption at the National PTA Convention.