

SEATBELTS ARE PRICELESS

Safety is everyones business



Bus travel is the safest form of road transport in Australia. One preventable death is one too many. BIC is calling for:

National public education campaign

Every person should have the same level of protection on a bus

Dedicated school buses need seatbelts

In 2023 BIC published *Bus Safety Initiatives* a paper calling for urgent reforms to seatbelt policy:

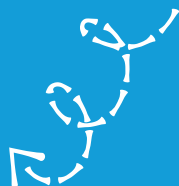
- A full review of Australian Design Rule 68 to remove anomalies, close loopholes and clarify requirements
- Mandatory seatbelt reminder systems - visual and audible alerts for passengers on fitted vehicles
- A national public awareness and school education campaign on bus seatbelt usage

In 2025 *Occupant Protection in Buses* was announced, delivering on key BIC recommendations:

- Seatbelt reminder systems mandated
- Loophole closed that allowed some coach operation without seatbelts
- New requirements apply 1 Nov 2026 to new models, and 1 Nov 2027 to all new vehicles



239 + injuries per year



Close the seatbelt loopholes



School buses need seatbelts



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