



Federated Insurance's Claim of the Month — Could it happen to you?

On the way back from driving a customer to work, a technician was distracted by the radio in his vehicle and rear-ended a school bus that had stopped, injuring three children.

CLAIM AMOUNT: \$50,000

School is back in session, which means roads are busier than they were over the summer. This seasonal change calls for extra caution. Keep this in mind:

- Eliminate distractions. More pedestrians — many of them children — are out on the streets. Keep your speed down and your eyes up.
- Try to avoid driving through crowded areas, such as school zones.
- Be on the lookout for school buses. They are equipped with flashing lights and stop signs, but make frequent stops. Always give them plenty of room, and obey all their signals.
- Be aware that children might suddenly come from behind buses. If you pass an idle bus, do so slowly and only when the warning lights are not illuminated.

Safety is everybody's responsibility. But drivers and pedestrians are out of practice during the first weeks of school, so give them time to get used to busy roads again.

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