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Senate Bill 141

Relating to: requiring certain vehicles that transport children to and from a child care provider to have child safety alarms installed, granting rule-making authority, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Coggs, Carpenter, Taylor, Plale, Erpenbach, Risser and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Grigsby, Pasch, Richards, A. Williams, Berceau, Danou, Young, Turner, Fields, Cullen, Colon, Zepnick, Kessler, Sinicki, Toles and Parisi.

March 31, 2009 Referred to Committee on Children and Families and Workforce Development.

April 22, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Jauch, Lassa, Vinehout, Kedzie and Hopper.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Spencer Coggs — Senator
- Tamara Grigsby — Representative, 18th Assembly District
- Keith Williams, Milwaukee
- Henry Wilde, Madison — Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Children and Families
- Jill Chase, Madison — Dept. of Children and Families
- Mary Reid, Milwaukee — Reid's Child Care Academy Inc.
- Chris Holmes, Milwaukee — Penfield Children's Center
- Darryl Winston — Inspector, Milwaukee Police Department
- Anna Benton, Milwaukee — City of Milwaukee Health Dept.
- Alex Wiley, Memphis — ATWEC Technologies
- Vincent Deese, Wauwatosa — Final Stage Autosound

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Jeff Plale — Senator
- Susan McMurray — AFSCME
- Yolanda Beavers, Milwaukee — Reid's Childcare Academy
- James Shepard, Milwaukee — Milwaukee Police Dept.
- Sabrina Gentile, Madison — WI Council on Children and Families
- Paul Vornholt, Milwaukee — City of Milwaukee

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 22, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Jauch, Lassa, Vinehout, Kedzie and Hopper.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Jauch, seconded by Senator Lassa that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Jauch, Lassa, Vinehout, Kedzie and Hopper.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Jauch, seconded by Senator Lassa that **Senate Amendment 2** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Jauch, Lassa, Vinehout, Kedzie and Hopper.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 2 RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Jauch, seconded by Senator Lassa that **Senate Amendment 3** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Jauch, Lassa, Vinehout, Kedzie and Hopper.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 3 RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Jauch, seconded by Senator Lassa that **Senate
Bill 141** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senators Jauch, Lassa, Vinehout, Kedzie and
Hopper.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

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Grigsby, Jauch to Convene Joint Hearing of Children and Families Committees for Public Hearing on Day Care Van Alarm Bill

Tragic Child Death in Milwaukee Spurs Fast Action by Committee Chairs

Madison – State Representative Tamara Grigsby (D-Milwaukee) and State Senator Bob Jauch (D-Poplar) will hold a joint hearing of the Senate and Assembly Children and Families Committees on April 22 to hear testimony on Assembly Bill 176 and Senate Bill 141, the Day Care Van Alarm Bill. Following the sudden and unnecessary death of four-month-old Jalen Knox-Perkins at the Bumble Bee Day Care Center in Milwaukee, the two companion bills have been slated for fast action in the Wisconsin Legislature.

“Yesterday’s tragedy makes it abundantly clear that swift movement is needed to address the safety of Wisconsin’s children,” Grigsby said. “Since 1991, seven children have died in Wisconsin after being forgotten inside day care vehicles. The Day Care Van Alarm Bill is a thoughtful plan to prevent the appallingly common incidence of these child deaths.”

“While nothing will reverse the terrible loss felt by the Knox-Perkins family and members of the community, Senator Coggs and Representative Grigsby have put together a straight forward and intelligent solution that can save lives and give parents greater assurance of their children’s safety and well-being while in the care of child care providers. We will hold this hearing in order to move this bill forward as quickly as possible,” Jauch said.

Authored by Senator Spencer Coggs and Representative Grigsby, the Day Care Van Alarm Bill would require child care providers and contractors to install safety alarms in the rear of child care vehicles. The alarms would need to be manually disarmed each time the vehicle’s engine stops, forcing drivers to physically search the entire day care van.

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Joint Hearing of the Senate and Assembly Children and Families Committees
Day Care Van Alarm Bill (Assembly Bill 176 and Senate Bill 141)

April 22, 2009
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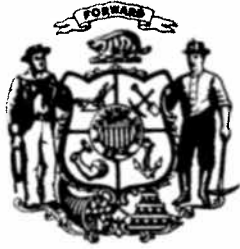
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Talking Points

- Penfield Children's Center strongly supports passage of the Day Care Van Alarm Bill as a valuable precaution to help prevent incidents that endanger infants and young children.
- As a child care provider, our most basic requirement is that the children in our care have a safe environment. That environment includes not just the center itself, but also travel in our center vehicles.
- Since 2005, Penfield Children's Center has used the **Kiddie Voice** automatic alerting system for all of its vehicles. This device sounds an alarm each time the van ignition is turned off. In order to clear the alarm the driver must walk to the rear interior of the van where the off switch is located. This procedure ensures that the driver check each seat before exiting.
- The Kiddie Voice Alarm also alerts drivers to potential child back over accidents by announcing that the vehicle is going to begin backing-up, rather than just beeping.
- Each system costs approximately \$350/per vehicle.
- In addition to the alarm system, Penfield also has a second individual sweep of each vehicle upon its return to the Center. Once a driver returns, Penfield Security walks through each vehicle to cross-check that it is empty, and signs off that the van is clear.
- Penfield also takes other steps to ensure the safety of children in transport, including:
 - Forbidding the use of cell phones while in transit
 - Ensuring that vans are staffed appropriately for the number of children, 2nd adult when more than 3 children
 - Partnering with the Safe Kids Coalition on proper installation of car seats





Tamara GRIGSBY

Wisconsin State Representative
18th Assembly District

**Testimony Before the
Joint Assembly and Senate Committees on Children and Families
April 22, 2009
Assembly Bill 176**

Companion to SB 141.

I want to thank Chairperson Jauch for agreeing to meet in joint session today to consider these bills that are so important to protecting the safety and well-being of our children.

We've all read the tragic news stories over the past several months of children being left in daycare vans unattended, some over night, some for just a few hours. Unfortunately, in the last case which happened about two weeks ago, Jalen Knox-Perkins, died.

In 2005 Senator Cogg and I introduced legislation that was signed into law by the Governor making it a felony to leave a child unattended in a daycare van as the result of the death of Asia Jones. We thought that would bring about a greater sense of responsibility from those to whom we entrust our most precious possessions, our children. We were wrong.

Since that time three more children have died in similar tragic situations which have prompted us to introduce AB 176 and SB 141. These bills before you today would require a child care provider who is licensed by the state as a licensed or certified daycare provider or contractor who owns or leases a child care vehicle to install a child safety alarm.

The device would actually force a van driver to the rear of the vehicle in order to turn off or de-activate the alarm.

Specifically:

1. First, there is a preliminary alarm that sounds a low warning to the driver that a louder alarm will sound in two minutes.
2. Failure to move to the back of the vehicle to press the button to de-activate the alarm would result in a loud siren-like warning, similar to an auto security warning system.
3. To disarm the device requires the driver to pass by each seat, providing the opportunity to observe any children left behind.

While most of the press accounts have centered on the tragedies in Milwaukee, this is not just a Milwaukee problem. This is a statewide problem. Children have been left in vehicles in Middleton, Racine, Janesville, and deaths have occurred in West Allis and Milwaukee. It could happen and has happened in all parts of our state.

The cost of the alarms is generally between \$100 and \$300, and while some will question the ability of daycare centers to absorb this additional cost, I think we have to ask ourselves what price do we place on the life of a child?

Tennessee and Arkansas have both passed similar legislation and in Tennessee where day care centers used working vehicle alarms, no children have died.

It's time to pass this bill in Wisconsin.

After consulting further with the Department of Children and Families on this bill we are offering three amendments to the committees for consideration.

1. LRB 0218 does two things. First, it addresses the department's concern about whether they should approve the alarms.

In other words, the department indicated that it does not have the technical expertise to approve and recommend occupant alarms, and because the alarms are certified by the manufacturer there is a legal link there to the manufacturer where it appropriately lies, should questions of liability arise.

The second impact of this amendment is that it requires the department to maintain information on vehicle occupant alarms and to post that information on the department's Internet site.

2. LRB 0231 would require the department to inspect alarms to see if they are in, quote – "good working order." Originally, we thought that provision was in the bill. It is not, so we are offering this amendment with the department's agreement.
3. LRB 0219 would make it a felony to circumvent or disable a van alarm. (As I have already indicated,) there are stories about drivers having children hit the alarm button to disable it, or drivers who literally go around the alarm by walking outside of the vehicle to lift the van hatch to hit the "disable" button.

Because these actions put lives at risk, the third amendment would make it a Class I Felony, to "remove, disconnect, tamper with, or otherwise circumvent the operation of the alarm," according to the language of the amendment.

A Class I Felony carries either or both a \$10,000 fine and a prison term of 3 years and 6 months.

I thank both committees for their time and consideration of this matter. I am happy to answer any questions Committee members may have.



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The Bill:

- **Requires a child care provider or contractor of a child care provider that owns or leases a child care vehicle to install a child safety alarm**
- **Defines child care vehicle and child safety alarm**
- **Grants a 3 month grace period for installation after the effective date of the bill (bill delays effective date by one year after signing)**
- **Creates a penalty of \$1000 or imprisonment of up to one year for failure to install alarms while continuing to transport children**
- **Creates provision for administrative and emergency rules**

Senate Amendment 1:

- The department was not comfortable approving alarms since it did not have the technical expertise. So the amendment takes the approval language out of the bill.
- In addition, the department felt unqualified to create a list of alarms so the amendment removes that language

Senate Amendment 2:

- Makes it a felony to disconnect or tamper with the alarm or circumvent its operation in any way

Senate Amendment 3:

- Makes it specific that the department inspect alarms to see that they are in working order. This was language Coggs thought was inherent in the bill, but found it needs to be clearly spelled out.

Possible Amendment:

- John Grabel asked for one-time tax credit for people to get alarms installed. Grigsby working with Coggs.



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AB176/SB141 Testimony

- Good afternoon. My name is Henry Wilde Deputy Secretary for the Department of Children and Families.
- Committee Chairs, Senator Jauch and Representative Grigsby – Thank you for allowing me to testify today in front of your committees on this important issue, which is particularly timely during this – the national week of the Young Child.
- As you know, the Department of Children and Families is committed to protecting children, strengthening families, and building communities.
- This legislation will help the Department to protect children and ensure that preventable deaths of infants and toddlers are avoided.
- The Department of Children and Families supports Assembly Bill 176 and Senate Bill 141 as amended.
- Since 2005, three young children have tragically died as a result of being left in a child care vehicle.
- As you are all familiar, most recently, a four month old baby tragically died as a result of being left in a child care vehicle in Milwaukee.
- Thanks to the efforts of Senator Coggs and Representative Grigsby, the Asia Jones Bill created a strong legal deterrent to irresponsible behavior in transportation to child care centers.
- Since that bill, DCF and its predecessor, the Department of Health and Family Services, have implemented several additional policy measures and these measures have been added to Administrative Rules effective January 2009 to help ensure children's safety when being transported including
 - Requiring centers to have a procedure to ensure that all children exit a vehicle after transportation to a destination.
 - Requiring centers to contact a parent when a child is absent from the center without prior notification from the parent.

- Requiring all centers to have a transportation policy that addresses the safety of the children being transported.
- DCF supports the further efforts of Senator Coggs and Representative Grigsby to use existing and available technology to prevent young children who are transported by a child care center (or by a private transportation company under contract with a child care center) from being left in a vehicle.
- We can see that these deaths were accidental, but we also know that they were preventable.
- We look forward to seeing this bill pass and are hopeful for the lives of infants and toddlers that will be saved as a result.



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The man has no record with Milwaukee police but has two arrest warrants with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department for paternity, Schwartz said. Asia's death resulted in the passing of a state law that provides penalties for leaving a child unattended in a day care vehicle and felony charges if the offense leads to a child's death.

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Marcus Perkins last saw his 4-month-old son alive about 8:30 Thursday morning when the baby, snug in his car seat, was placed in the **day care van** that picked him up every day.

"I make sure he gets on that **van** safe every morning," Perkins, 28, said Thursday afternoon, surrounded by family. "I watch them strap him in safe every morning. I don't let him out of my sight 'til he's safe."

The boy, Jalen Knox-Perkins, died Thursday, after he was left unattended in the **van** for about four hours outside Bumble Bee Learning Center, 3942 N. 76th St., according to an e-mail from Milwaukee police spokeswoman Anne E. Schwartz. Jalen was found about 1:50 p.m., Schwartz said.

Bumble Bee Learning Center is owned by the same company that runs Alphabet Street Learning Center. A former employee was charged recently with breaking the arms of two children.

Both facilities will be shut down immediately while the state Department of Children and Families investigates, said department spokeswoman Erika Monroe-Kane.

The **van's** driver, a 44-year-old man, was arrested on a felony charge of leaving a child unattended in a child care vehicle, Schwartz said.

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The Bumble Bee and Alphabet Street learning centers are just blocks apart on N. 76th St. and are owned by Willye Banks.

Some of Banks' employees said Thursday that she would release a statement about the **death**, but a statement was never received, and Banks could not be reached for comment.

Pamela Coleman, the Alphabet Street employee accused of breaking the arms of two children, pleaded not guilty in March to two counts of physical abuse of a child, according to online court records. Coleman, 42, is due in court later this month.

Grandfather distraught

Jalen's grandfather, Keith Williams, shook and fought back tears as he left the **day care** center Thursday afternoon. An investigator from the Milwaukee County medical examiner's office had carried Jalen's body, wrapped in a blue blanket, out a back door and to a waiting SUV a short time before.

"I really don't understand it," Williams said, his voice trembling. "How could you leave a child in a **van**? How senseless can that be? How could a driver forget that? That's uncalled for. There's no explanation you can give me for that."

Perkins said his son was placed on the **van's** first rear seat, just inside the side doors.

Perkins' mother, Remona Williams, said she was struggling to console her son.

"I'm just trying to hold my son together right now, just trying to make sure that (the family is) OK," she said.

She had her own questions about his **death**.

"What took them so long to discover that he wasn't there?" she asked. "I mean, from 8:30 in the morning to 2 o'clock in the afternoon? And they just discovered he was not inside the building?"

Jalen is the third child to die in Milwaukee County since 2005 after being left in a **day care** vehicle.

Last July, 4-month-old Serajean McHenry Jr. died after being left in an SUV outside Kuddle Kare **Day Care**, 3828 W. Lisbon Ave.

In June 2005, Asia Jones, 2, died in West Allis after she was left in a **van** all day by her **day care** driver.

Asia's **death** resulted in the passing of a state law that provides penalties for leaving a child unattended in a **day care** vehicle and felony charges if the offense leads to a child's **death**.

That's the law under which charges are being sought against Jalen's **van** driver.

State Rep. Tamara Grigsby and state Sen. Spencer Coggs have proposed a bill that would require alarms in **day care** vehicles. The alarms would be activated when the ignition is shut off and could be deactivated only from the rear of the vehicle.

Coggs said he and other sponsors of the legislation would attempt to put it on a fast track.

"This makes this bill top priority," Coggs said of Jalen's death.

Glenda Robinson, whose three children attend Bumble Bee Learning Center, said she could not understand Jalen's **death**, which she called a tragedy.

"It's really a shame, because this is not the first time," Robinson said. "You know, how many times does this have to happen?"

Robinson said she had not had any problems with Bumble Bee Learning Center in the six years that her children have been enrolled there, but she said she was not sure if she would send them there again.

Bumble Bee and Alphabet Street learning centers are licensed by the state to **care** for nearly 190 children. Both cater to lower-income families that receive publicly subsidized child **care**. The centers have been paid more than \$350,000 from the taxpayer-supported Wisconsin Shares program from 2008 through March of this year.

Charity Eleson, executive director of the Wisconsin Council on Children & Families, a nonprofit advocacy organization, said Jalen's **death** highlights the need to overhaul the state's child **care** system.

"This particular case really shines a spotlight on how absolutely, devastatingly important it is to vastly improve the quality of the child **care** system, in particular for programs serving low-income kids," she said.

Gov. Jim Doyle already implemented some major reforms to the system in recent weeks after an investigation by the Journal Sentinel uncovering fraud and abuse of the \$340 million Wisconsin Shares program.

The series prompted the state Legislature to call for a full-blown audit of the program, which is now under way.

DAY CARE ALTERNATIVES

State regulators said parents who used Bumble Bee or Alphabet Street can get help finding alternative **day care**. They are encouraged to contact:

4C Community Coordinated Child **Care** Inc.

1805 N. King Drive

Milwaukee, WI 53212

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FYI

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Kimmie in addition to the requirements that I cut and pasted from the transportation section of the rules (* see below), there are two other very important and applicable requirements related to transportation that happen to fall in different sections of the rule book:

WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

251.04(2)(i) Develop, submit to the department for approval and implement as approved written policies and plans, consistent with the requirements of this chapter, on the following subjects:

251.04(2)(i)9. Transportation, if the center will transport children either on field trips or on a regular schedule. The policy shall include a procedure to ensure that no child is left unattended in a vehicle.

251.05(3) SUPERVISION.

251.05(3)(h) The center shall implement a procedure to contact a parent if a child is absent from the center without prior notification from the parent.

* **DCF 251.08 Transportation.**

(1) APPLICABILITY. This section applies to all center-provided transportation of children, including both regularly scheduled transportation to and from the center and transportation for field trips that are under the auspices of the center.

(2) GENERAL.

(a) The center shall be responsible for a child between the time the child is placed in a vehicle until the child reaches his or her destination and is released to a person responsible for the child.

(b) The following emergency information shall be carried in the vehicle for each child transported:

1. An address and telephone number where a parent or other adult can be reached in an emergency.

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the child's physician or medical facility.

3. Written consent from the child's parent for emergency medical treatment.

Note: The licensee may use either the department's form, Transportation Permission — Child Care Centers, or the licensee's own form to obtain consent of the child's parent for emergency medical treatment. Information on how to obtain the department's form is available on the department's website,

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov>, or from any regional licensing office in Appendix A.

(c) Smoking is prohibited in the vehicle while children are being transported.

(d) The center administrator shall submit a copy of any accident report to the department within 5 days after the occurrence of an accident involving a vehicle transporting children.

(3) DRIVER.

(a) The driver of a center-provided vehicle shall be or have all of the following:

1. At least 18 years of age.

2. A valid Wisconsin operator's license for the type of vehicle driven.

3. At least one year of experience as a licensed driver.

(b) The licensee shall obtain a copy annually of the driving record for each driver of a center-provided vehicle and shall place the record in the staff file. The licensee shall review each driving record to ensure that the driver has no accidents or traffic violations that would indicate that having children ride with the driver could pose a threat to the children.

Note: Information on how to obtain driver license records can be obtained by contacting the Department of Transportation at 608-261-2566 or <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/points/abstract.htm>.

(c) A driver whose driving record poses a threat to the children may not transport children.

(4) VEHICLE.

(a) A vehicle used to transport children shall be:

1. Registered in Wisconsin.

2. Clean, uncluttered and free of obstructions on the floors, aisles and seats.

3. Enclosed. Children may not be transported in a truck except in the cab.

(b)1. Each child who is under 1 year of age or who weighs less than 20 pounds shall be properly restrained in a rear-facing individual child car safety seat when being transported in a vehicle as specified in s. 347.48, Stats.

2. Each child who is at least 1 year of age but less than 4 years of age or who weighs at least 20 pounds but less than 40 pounds shall be properly restrained in a forward-facing individual child car safety seat when being transported in a vehicle as specified in s. 347.48, Stats.

3. Each child who is at least 4 years of age but less than 8 years, weighing not more than 80 pounds or taller than 4 feet 9 inches shall be properly restrained in a shoulder-positioning child booster seat when being transported in a vehicle as specified in s. 347.48, Stats.

4. Each child who is not required to be transported in an individual child car safety seat or booster seat when being transported in a vehicle shall be properly restrained by a seat belt. Each adult in the vehicle shall be properly restrained by a seat belt. Seat belts may not be shared.

5. Children transported in school buses or vehicles built to school bus standards shall be properly seated according to the manufacturer's specifications.

(c) Passenger doors shall be locked at all times when a vehicle transporting children is moving.

(d) Children under age 13 may not ride in the front seat of a vehicle.

WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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251.08(5)

(5) VEHICLE CAPACITY AND SUPERVISION.

(a) Children may not be left unattended in a vehicle.

(b) When children are transported in a vehicle, there shall be at least one adult supervisor in addition to the driver in either of the following circumstances:

1. There are more than 3 children who are either under 2 years of age or have a disability which limits their ability to respond in an emergency.

2. There are more than 10 children under 5 years of age in the vehicle.

(c) After transporting a child to his or her destination, an adult shall wait until the child enters the building or is in the custody of an adult designated by the parent, unless otherwise authorized by the parent of a school-age child.

(d) A seat in the vehicle shall be provided for each child. In a vehicle not required to have seat belts, the manufacturer shall determine the capacity of the vehicle.

(e) The center shall develop and implement a procedure to ensure that all children exit the vehicle after being transported to a destination.

(6) REGULARLY SCHEDULED TRANSPORTATION.

(a) When regularly scheduled transportation is provided by a center, the center shall maintain the following information in writing at the center and in each vehicle:

1. A list of children transported.
 2. The transportation route and scheduled stops.
 3. The name and address of the person authorized to receive a child if the child is dropped off at a place other than the child's residence.
 4. Procedures to be followed when the parent or designated authorized adult is not at home to receive the child.
- (b) The center shall maintain written safety precautions to be followed and implemented when transporting children with disabilities or children who have a limited ability to respond in an emergency.
- (c) When transportation services are contracted or chartered, the name, address and telephone number of the contracting firm and the name of a representative of the firm who may be contacted after hours shall be on file at the center.

(7) CENTER VEHICLES.

(a) A center-provided vehicle shall be in safe operating condition. Except for licensed contract motor carrier vehicles, the licensee shall provide the department evidence of the vehicle's safe operating condition at 12-month intervals on a form the department provides. Licensed contract motor carrier vehicles shall comply with all applicable standards for those vehicles.

Note: The department's form, Vehicle Safety Inspection, is used to record evidence of the vehicle's safe operating condition. Information on how to obtain the department's form is available on the department's website, <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov>, or from any regional licensing office in Appendix A.

(b) A center-provided vehicle, other than a licensed contract motor carrier, shall be equipped with a first aid kit.

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KIDDIE SYSTEMS™

"Their safety. Your joy. Our commitment."



We're watching. We're listening. We're bringing them safely home to you.



"Their safety. Your joy"

*"If we cannot be safe, we cannot be anything."-----Anonymous
"If we cannot keep children safe, we fail at our job." Kiddie Systems'*

From 1998 to 2004, 230 children in America died because they were left alone in a vehicle. According to a veteran meteorologist, in just 10 minutes, the temperature can jump 19 degrees in an enclosed vehicle. In 30 minutes, the temperature can increase by 34 degrees, and in one hour, the temperature can jump 43 degrees.

A child's body warms three to five times faster than that of an adult's.

ATWEC Technologies, Inc. (ATWT) was founded in 1979 with the focus of producing automotive security products. Prompted by a string of deaths of children on day care vans, ATWEC shifted its focus to create a product that addressed the repeated failure of day care facilities to properly ensure the safety of America's most precious commodity—our children.

In 2000, **Kiddie Systemstm** was born under the ATWEC umbrella. The **Kiddie Systemstm** product line includes **Kiddie Voice[®]**, **Kiddie Alerttm** and **KiddieCross Guardtm**. The products were developed to ensure safety and security during the transport of children in day care vans and school buses.



Our commitment."

At Kiddie Systems[™], we understand the importance of child safety. Our products involve a mission that goes far beyond today. The future—our children and their safety—is what drives us. When children are transported, their protection and safety should be foremost. We understand that until that they can take care of themselves.... until they grow up.... they depend on **us**.

That's why Kiddie Systems[™] products are products for the future. We've got the future in mind—our children.

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THEY KNOW
I'M HERE!!



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A 2-year-old girl was found dead inside a day care van, left strapped in her car seat for about eight hours on a 90-degree day apparently forgotten by workers.

• About 30 children nationwide died in hot day care vans, from June 2000 to July 2001, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A 2-year-old died in Orange County, Fla., after being forgotten in a day care van.

• Since 1996, at least 228 children have died in hot, unattended vehicles in the United States, according to research done by General Motors Corp. But the automaker's report said the actual number of fatalities is probably much higher.

A toddler apparently left in a day care center van in hot and muggy weather all day Thursday was found dead.

• At least 22 children who have died from being left in hot vehicles since 1995 were left in those vehicles by child care providers or van drivers, according to a study by General Motors Corp.

A blind child with cerebral palsy was left on a locked bus in Montgomery, Alabama. (www.nfbnet.org).

• More than 230 children have died after being left in a hot car since 1998. Day-care workers left a 2-year-old in a hot van in which the temperature reached an estimated 140 degrees for several hours before dying.

A 3-year-old boy died from apparent heat-related causes after being left in a day-care van for hours. The temperature climbed to 94 degrees. "The child was clearly visible from the driver's seat," a police officer said.

• Every year, approximately 440,000 public school buses travel 4.3 billion miles to transport 23.5 million to and from school and school-related activities. (National School Transportation Agency)

• Between 1992 to 2002, 52% of the school-age pedestrians killed in school transportation-related crashes were 5-7 years old. (National Highway Transportation Safety Agency)

• Statistics show that students are most likely to be killed when boarding or getting off school buses.

• Motorists, school bus drivers and students need to be aware of the "danger zone"— an area of 10 to 15 feet encompassing the school bus on all sides. Bus drivers and passing motorist cannot see pedestrians clearly when they are in this area.

• Pedestrian fatalities — those occurring while loading and unloading school buses — account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities then school bus occupant fatalities. (National School Transportation Association)

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• Most school-age pedestrians are killed in the afternoon Most school-age pedestrians are killed in the afternoon with 38% of the fatalities occurring between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. (National Highway Transportation Safety Agency)

"Toddler trapped in hot van dies." "Kids die from heat in SUV." "Baby boy dies in hot van."

Kiddie Systems™ is the answer to these all too familiar tragedies: **Forgotten children.** In the matter of pupil transportation, there is no room for forgetfulness, no room for mistakes. Our children are our most precious commodity and always a precious cargo.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a locked vehicle sitting in the summer sun quickly turns into an oven, and temperatures can climb from 78 degrees to 100 degrees in just three minutes and to 125 degrees in 6-8 minutes.

Created in 1999, **Kiddie Systems™** is more than a product line—it is a solution. It is the result of exhaustive research for an answer to a crisis that borders on a trend-like level. **Kiddie Systems™** is a measure to prevent our children being forgotten.

At **Kiddie Systems™**, we know how important safety is, and we understand that safety cannot be an inconsistent element in pupil and child transport. Safety measures must **always** be in place and they must **always** be adhered to. Safety is not an option—it's a **must**.

That's why ATWEC Technologies, Inc. developed the **Kiddie Systems™** product line—to ensure safety, because in the business of children—we can't just forget them.

The mission of **Kiddie Systems™** goes beyond the present. We have the future in mind. We pride ourselves on quality and of course, putting our customer first—our children. We saw a problem and **Kiddie Systems™** became the answer. No hard stuff. No algebraic equations—just simple solutions. We don't make excuses. No one ate our homework. We didn't forget our assignment. We've done our research and we know what's needed:

Kiddie Systems™ —We remember.





The **Kiddie Voice®** automatic alerting system, an exclusive product manufactured by **ATWEC Technologies**, was developed to guard against a scary possibility-----an abandoned child on a school bus or day care van.

Stories of child fatalities on day care vans and school buses continue to flood news headlines. Oftentimes these situations result from simple oversights and/or a failure to adhere to the most elementary safety guidelines. In all of these instances, these tragic circumstances could have been prevented with **Kiddie Voice®**.

Automatically armed each time the ignition switch is turned ON, the **Kiddie Voice®** alerting system is **automatically activated** each time the vehicle ignition is turned OFF. An electronic verbal warning message sounds and prompts the driver to check the vehicle for passengers.

Once the **Kiddie Voice®** alerting message system has been activated, it can only be deactivate when the driver walks to the rear interior of the vehicle and manually depresses the cancellation button.

During this walk to the rear of the vehicle, the driver is prompted to check each seat for occupants. A second visual inspection is automatically accomplished as the driver returns to the front of the vehicle to exit.

The **Kiddie Voice®** technology prompts the driver to become actively involved and totally accountable during the transport of children to their final destinations—their homes and classrooms.

With Kiddie Voice® there is no room for excuses.



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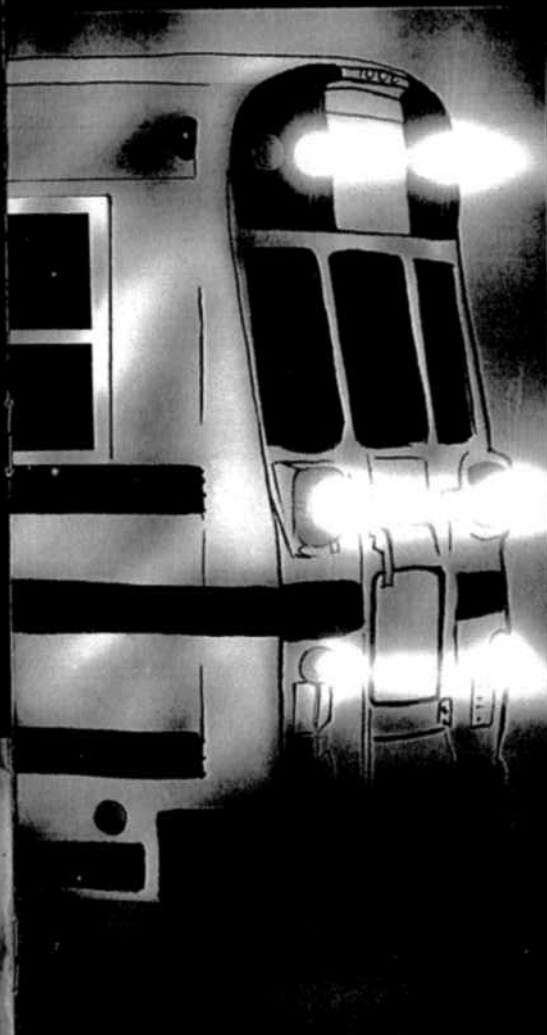
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We have heard all them. The annoying back-up warning sounds on trucks and vans that alert passengers and other vehicles of their presence. They may be annoying, but aren't they clever?

Clever. That's what **Kiddie Alert™** is. **Kiddie Alert™** is a back-up **voice-enhanced** alerting system.

Drivers become distracted or lose focus. A cell phone rings. An eye wanders to a passer-by. Then the unthinkable happens. Every 1.6 minutes, a driver backs into trouble. Each year in the U.S., there are more than 300,000 accidents in driveways and parking lots involving a vehicle that was backing up and crashed into another vehicle or seriously injured or killed a pedestrian.

These accidents account for more than 400 deaths annually and almost always involve a child.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 27% of all vehicle accidents occur during reverse. Further research has revealed 70% of these accidents could have been prevented with the use of a collision avoidance system such as Kiddie Alert.

The **Kiddie Alert™** system is automatically activated each time the vehicle's transmission is shifted into reverse. At that time, a piercing electronic beeping, along with **voice** messaging, begins alerting pedestrians the vehicle is preparing for rearward motion and to **"please stand clear."**

This new millennium backup technology can enhance any vehicle's current reverse-sensory system. **Kiddie Alert™** delivers voice commands to children and/or adults in proximity to the rear of the reversing vehicle. Unlike the outdated piezo electric beeping sounds, the new generation voice command module heightens the awareness to exercise extreme caution for drivers and pedestrians, during the vehicle's reverse movement.

No distractions. No excuses. No oversights. Just safety.

Kiddie Alert'-----We're going forward.

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KIDDIE CROSS™ GUARD



How many times have you sped through a School Safety Zone? How many times have you driven impatiently past a school bus that was stopped to let children exit onto the street? How many times have you ignored flashing yellow lights advising you to slow down to 15 mph as you approached a school crossing?

How many times have you heard a story about a child who was run over while trying to cross the street? Once? Twice?

Even once is one time too many.

KiddieCross Guard™, developed by ATWEC Technologies, was created to ward against children being accidentally struck by school buses or vehicles as they cross the street. **KiddieCross Guard™**, an aural and **voice-enhanced** alerting system, works in conjunction with any crossing and signaling device already installed.

The **KiddieCross Guard™** alerting and warning system activates each time the bus stops and the crossing guard and/or signaling flashes are activated. This **voice** command reminds the disembarking children to remain in plain view of the driver when crossing in front of the vehicle. The idea is simple, yet very effective. The audio command allows us to control the children's actions as they cross the street in front of the bus.

A remarkable feature of the **KiddieCross Guard™** system is that it can be retrofitted to complement any type of crossing system on the market or already installed. The unique voice speaker is durable enough to handle the harshest of elements suffered by school buses and it's easy to install. It's one-wire hook-up makes this system a prime choice because of its simplicity and effectiveness.

When **KiddieCross Guard™** is in place, everyone is alert and the possibilities for oversights are zero.

KiddieCross Guard™-----*Crossing the street is no accident.*

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This collectible magnet is our gift to you.

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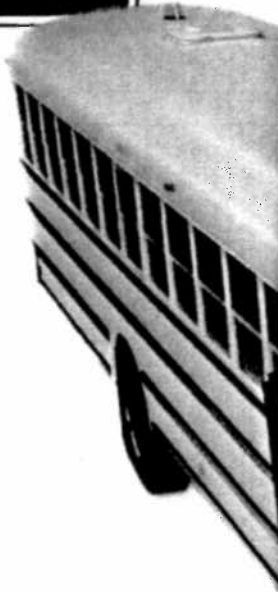
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THE SAFETY SYSTEM THAT PREVENTS A CHILD BEING LEFT ON A SCHOOL OR DAYCARE BUS.

KiddieVoice™ is the latest product developed by ATWEC Technologies to guard against the day care industry's worst nightmare, the abandonment of a child on a day care van or bus. This system automatically activates each time the ignition of the vehicle is turned off. Immediately an electronic message begins to warn the driver to check the vehicle for all passengers. This feature occurs each time a vehicle is started and then switched off. Thus, it demands consistent checking of the vehicle. Once activated KiddieVoice™ can only be stopped by the driver walking to the inside rear of

the vehicle and pressing the reset switch located at the side back of the vehicle. By forcing the driver to walk through the entire vehicle each time the engine is shut off, a second visual check can be made as the driver proceeds to reset the KiddieVoice™ system.

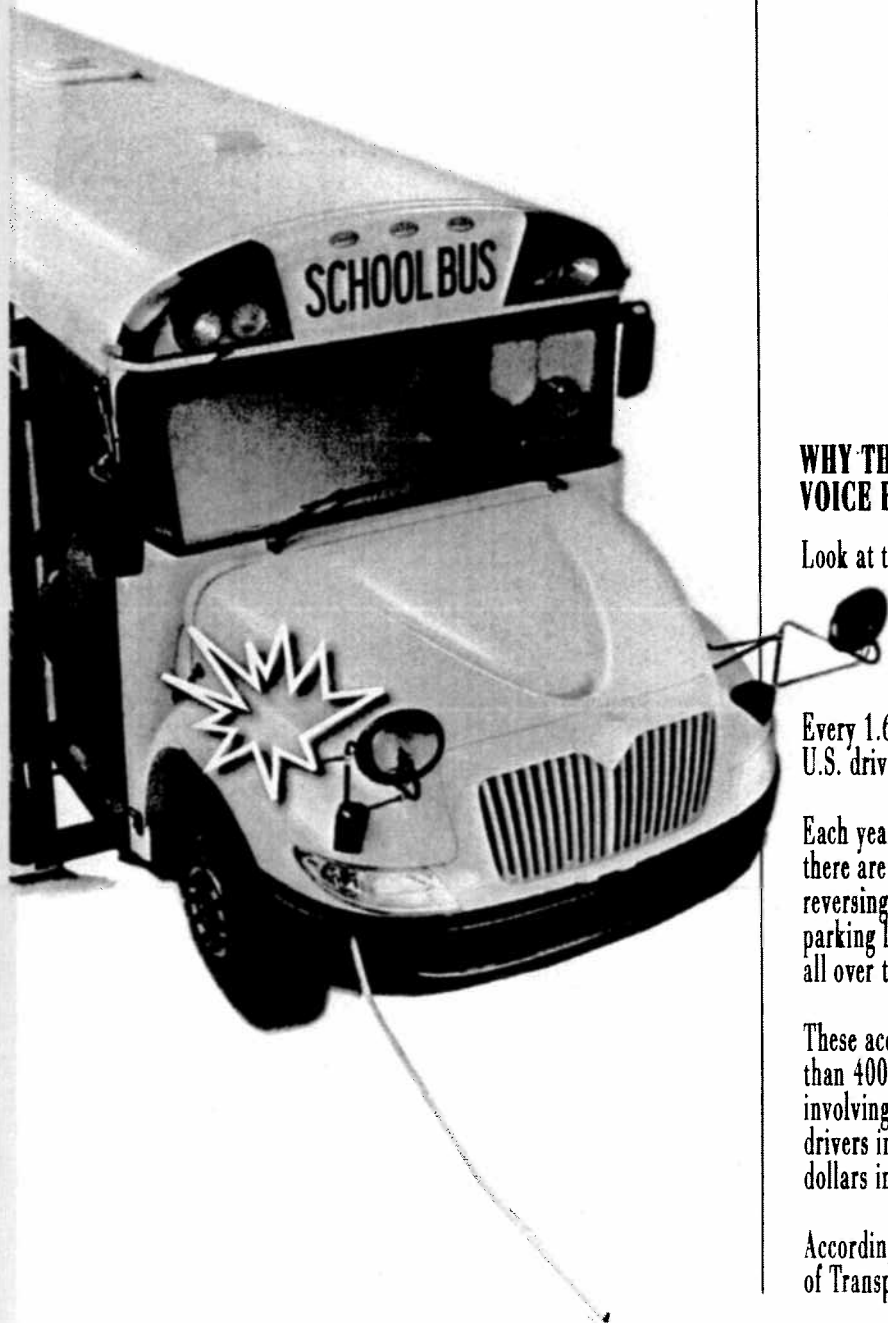
PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM THEIR OWN BUS

KiddieCross Guard is ATWEC's latest innovation to help guard against a child from being run over by his own bus. KiddieCross Guard works in conjunction with cross safety of all types. Adding verbal voice commands to warn the children is a simple but very effective device. Because of the verbal commands we can now control our children's action while crossing in front of the bus. A stationary bus cannot run over a rider.

KiddieCross Guard can be retrofitted to work with any type of crossing system on the the market today. The unique voice speaker designs are rugged enough for this transportation industry. Yet, it is very simple to install. Our one wire hookup makes this the chosen system the top of the line because of its ease of installation.



VOICE SYSTEMS FOR KIDS



WHY THE KIDDIEALERT™ VOICE BACKUP!

Look at the Statistics.....

Every 1.6 minutes, another
U.S. driver backs into trouble.

Each year in the United States
there are over 300,000 reported
reversing accidents, in driveways,
parking lots, and neighborhoods
all over the country.

These accidents account for more
than 400 deaths annually, usually
involving young children, costing
drivers in excess of 1.3 billion
dollars in damages.

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Further research showed that
70% of these accidents could
have been prevented with the use
of a collision avoidance system.

The KiddieAlert™ system is
activated each time the vehicle
is placed in reverse. At that
time an electronic message
begins to warn that the vehicle
in reverse please stand clear.

KiddieAlert™ new millennium
backup technology can enhance
any reversing sensor system
already installed. KiddieAlert™
delivers voice commands to the
person or child in the path of
any vehicle backing up. Unlike
the old piezo electric beep
sounds, the new voice command
module heightens the sense of
caution for the driver and the
pedestrians.



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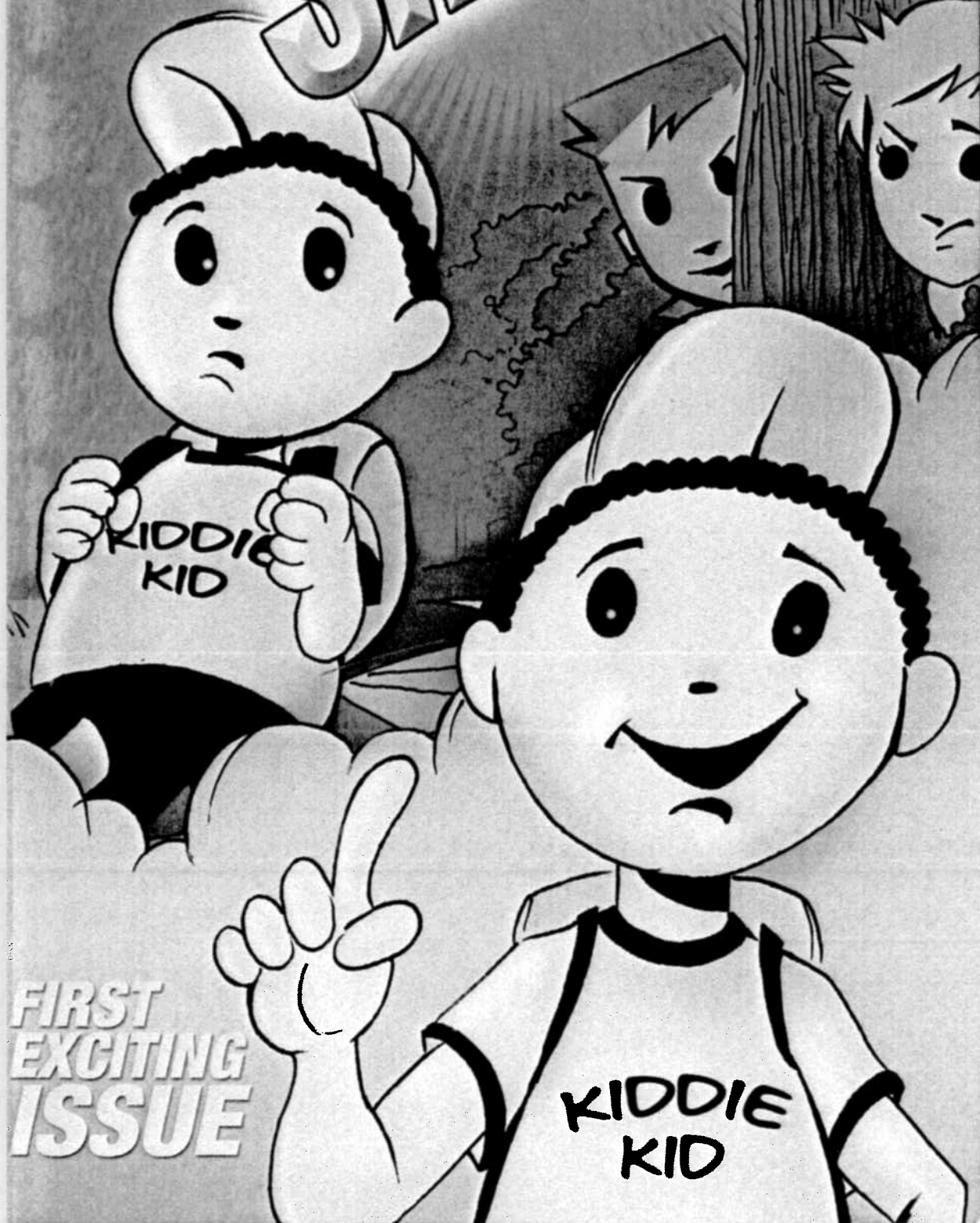


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THE ADVENTURES OF KIDDIE KID
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www.wbmi.com or www.national-specialty.com.



Are you ready, Kiddie?

Yes, ma'am. I can't wait.

I've got everything I need.



Are you sure?

Thank you, mommy.
I don't want to leave my magic crayons.

That's right.

And always remember the safety tips we talked about.



Those are very important.

I remember them, mommy. They were fun to learn.

Let's go over them one more time before the Kiddie Systems bus comes.



Okay!




Saftey tip number one: Always walk to the bus with my safe person.

Never walk to the bus alone.

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Saftey tip number two:
Line up on the
sidewalk so that the bus
driver can see me.

This one is really
important, mommy.

Yes it is, Kiddie.

It is important to make sure
that you stay in the safe
zone of the school bus and
do not stand too close to
the edge of the sidewalk.

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Safety tip number three: Make sure to sit up in my seat and stand up only when it is safe to get off the bus.

Make sure to talk quietly and don't make any loud noises.

Good, Kiddie. What else?

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Make sure I get **in line** to get off the bus when it is safe.

This one is **important** too, mommy.

Yes.

It is very important, Kiddie.

On a Kiddie Systems bus, if you get stuck on the bus and the driver is away, an alarm will sound to alert everyone that you are still there.

The bus driver has to make sure that everyone is off of the bus before he or she locks it.

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Safety tip number five is:
If I have to cross the street,
I have to take **five steps** in
front of the bus and go
around the safety arm to
cross the street safely.

That's right,
Kiddie.



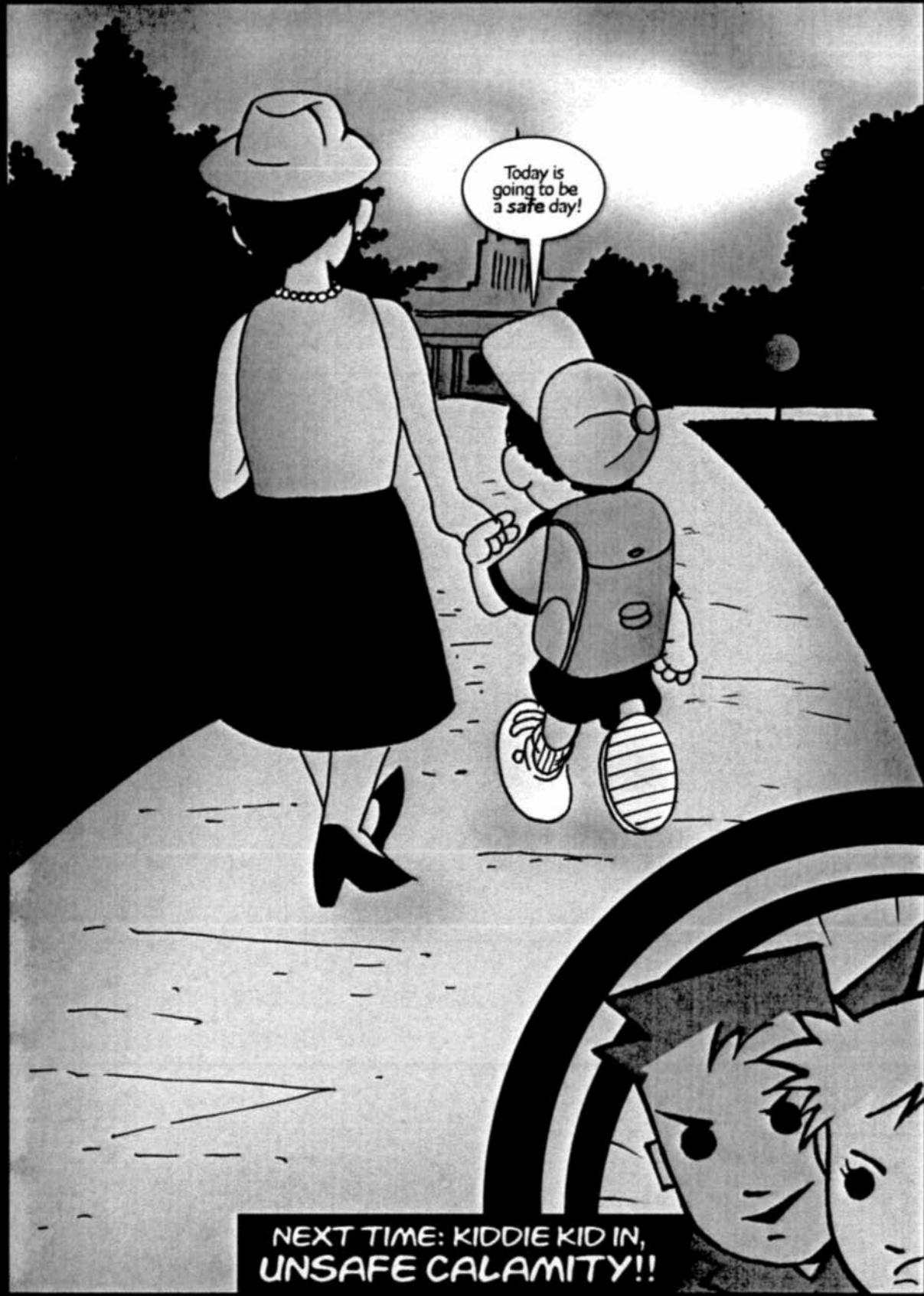
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The last safety tip is, always avoid **Unsafe Ace** and **Calamity Lane**. They always try to get kids to do unsafe things and I want to stay safe.

Very good, Kiddie. Now we are ready to go to school.

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Today is going to be a safe day!

NEXT TIME: KIDDIE KID IN, UNSAFE CALAMITY!!

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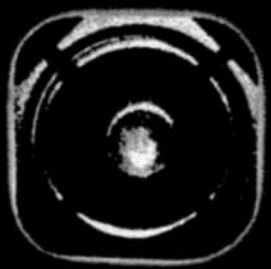
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