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## School Bus Accident Demonstrates Why Drivers Need To Protect Children From Unexpected Injuries

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A freaky and downright scary **news story** caught my attention regarding a Louisiana school boy who was thrown from an open door of a school bus-- should cause us to pause and reconsider the type of people who are driving our kids to and from school everyday.

Apparently the five-year-old was thrown from the open accordion door to the street pavement as the driver was in the process of making a turn. The school bus driver had forgotten to shut the door of the bus after he had opened it to check a railroad crossing.

It wasn't until other drivers saw the boy laying on the pavement that the bus driver stopped-- or even realized that the boy had been thrown out of the bus.

Thankfully, the boy received relatively only minor injuries in this questionable incident. Certainly, had the other vehicles in the area not seen the boy, this could have quickly turned into a real tragedy.

As authorities continue their investigation into this school bus accident, they have place the driver on paid administrative leave.

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As a child injury lawyer, I hope that this school bus driver is relieved of his responsibilities as there frankly is no excuse for this type of incident. Why the bus driver would allow a child to stand near an open door is disturbing to say the least.

Particularly when younger children are passengers on school buses, drivers should be reminded that they are responsible for both driving safely and for making sure each child remains seated on the bus.

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