



With Curbside Bus Accident Rate Seven Times Higher Than For Conventional Buses, New York Injury Attorney Calls for More Regulation

David Resnick of the New York City personal injury law firm of David Resnick & Associates, P.C., says bus companies' small size, low fares don't negate duty of safety.

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) November 08, 2011 -- [New York injury lawyer](#) David Resnick said today that a recent report about the high rate of fatal accidents in the curbside bus industry indicates the need to more tightly regulate small interstate bus operators.

“These small companies that run inexpensive bus lines can’t be allowed to create a risk to anyone who boards the bus or just happens to be nearby when a collision occurs,” said Resnick of David Resnick & Associates, P.C., a [New York City personal injury law firm](#).

The firm represents individuals injured in [tour bus crashes](#) as well as other types of [public transportation accidents](#).

In a recently released report, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said a six-month study found that the fatal accident rate for curbside carriers was seven times the rate among conventional motor coach operators.

Curbside bus companies are typically small interstate carriers with few buses that charge low fares and pick up riders at shopping centers or on the street instead of at company-operated terminals.

“Neither the price of a ticket nor the size of the fleet has any bearing on a bus company’s duty to provide safe transportation to those who avail themselves of the company’s services,” Resnick said.

The NTSB studied the fatal accident rate among the curbside bus industry from January 2005 to March 2011 at the request of Sen. Charles E. Schumer and Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez, both of New York, after a March 12, 2011, bus crash in the Bronx killed 15 and injured 18 more.

The study found that curbside operators had higher rates of deaths and injuries, and higher rates of violations in roadside inspections. However, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and state regulators are too overburdened to conduct proper safety reviews, the NTSB said.

Schumer said he was considering legislation to increase the number of federal bus inspectors and to require interstate carriers be publically graded according to their compliance with safety regulations, the Associated Press reported.

“The content of forthcoming legislation remains to be seen,” Resnick said, “but part of any new regulations should address penalties for negligent bus operators who continue to disregard the safety of riders and other motorists and pedestrians.”

Resnick said those who are injured in a bus accident, or whose loved ones have died in crashes involving buses or other vehicles, have a right to seek compensation for losses, pain and suffering through personal injury or wrongful death lawsuits.



“Even with laws in place, the losses of those suffering injury through the negligence of others are often left out of the legal equation,” he said. “But we at David Resnick & Associates zealously stand up for those who are injured to make sure our clients' claims for personal injury and loss result in the highest levels of compensation possible.”

About David Resnick & Associates, P.C.

[David Resnick & Associates, P.C.](#), provides professional and compassionate legal assistance to victims of injury and negligence. Founded in 1998, the firm is experienced at handling multiple types of injury and negligence cases in New York City, including motor vehicle accidents, hit and run, bicycle accidents, pedestrian injuries, trip and fall, construction accidents, premises liability and other kinds of personal injury and wrongful death claims.

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