

14 children injured in bus crash

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MISSISSAUGA, Ontario - A school bus crash in Mississauga, Canada, that injured 14 children -- one critically -- has brought new attention to the safety of the vehicles.

One adult and two students remained hospitalized for undisclosed injuries after Wednesday's crash and a third child, John Pham, was on life support, the Toronto Star reported Thursday. The boy showed no vital signs at the scene of the crash, but was resuscitated by hospital staff. He is believed to have struck his head when the bus clipped the rear of a tractor trailer and drove through a ditch in the center median of the highway.

The incident has raised questions about the safety of school buses in Canada, where seat belts are not required in the vehicles.

Dan Maradin, general manager of Laidlaw Education Services, which operates the bus along with 5,000 others in the country, said an accident reconstruction team has been dispatched to assist police.

"We just use it to help determine what happened and anything that could have prevented the accident," Maradin said.

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