

TAKING THE INITIATIVE

In a new scheme that targets teachers responsible for hiring coaches, BUSK is advocating a safety charter whereby operators not lay out their own commitment to safety, but also detail what is required of the customer. Mike Morgan reports on this latest initiative



school transport... BUSK... Centuries... of faith is the first of operators to have already signed up to scheme and that several more are dis... with a view to joining. She also says th... was positive interest when Simply Saf... the agenda at a recent meeting in Lon... members of CoachMarque, the coach... quality standard.

Simply Safe is a scheme that uses th... as a medium for presenting schools w... essential information. Each coach co... that joins the scheme will have a spec... webpage on their own website writte... and tailor-made for their company.

The web page will be in two parts. It... will be a safety charter with the BUSK... on it along with a list of those aspect... operator's service that are guaranteed... separate list identifies what is requir... customers.

Part two is a legal piece that will be... by BUSK's legal advisor, Michael Imp... who specialises specifically in perso... and school transport cases and has w... of high profile cases (including High C... cases) against local authorities and sch... He has worked with the organisation fo... years and was a natural choice when it... providing assistance when it came to w... with BUSK on what will go on coach op... web pages.

Pat Harris told routeone: "The text w... leave teachers in no doubt about their... responsibilities when hiring transport f... (pupils and staff, parent helpers)."

She added: "The problem coach comp... experience is the 'three quotes... choos... cheapest,' style of schools when they hire a vehicle.

"Hiring transport based on the lowes... would not be acceptable to a court if something went wrong and it is this and other areas of hiring and the legalities of it, that schools do not understand. I know the schools where BUSK has delivered safety training have altered the way they organise school trips, because they realised after the training that teachers should not all sit at the front of the coach during a trip.

"No school would willingly or knowingly break the law, yet most do because they do not know about their legal obligations. Simply Safe will change that.

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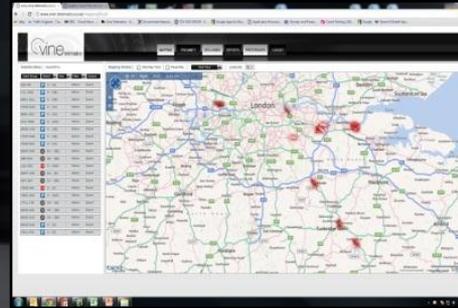
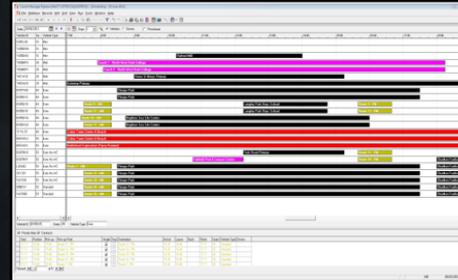
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