



## **New York City Personal Injury Attorney Supports Safety Review Of Discount Tour Bus Industry**

*Recent crashes and safety inspection results indicate a dire need to investigate and reform safety practices within the discount tour bus industry, New York City lawyer Steven J. Schwartzapfel says.*

New York (Vocus/PRWEB) April 14, 2011 -- [New York City personal injury lawyer](#) Steven J. Schwartzapfel said today that he is hopeful that passenger safety will be improved as the result of broad review of the discount tour bus industry that is being launched by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The NTSB announced this week that it would begin the review, which is expected to take six months, according to a Reuters report.

The review has been prompted by a string of discount tour bus crashes, including a March 12 interstate wreck at the border of the Bronx and Westchester County that killed 15 passengers traveling between Chinatown and a Connecticut casino. Another bus accident just two days later on the New Jersey Turnpike killed two people traveling from New York City to Philadelphia.

“It is our hope that these tragic accidents – and the investigations into what caused them – lead to better protection of passengers and the general public through tighter transportation industry oversight and greater required use of safety features,” said Schwartzapfel, [abus accident lawyer](#) with the [New York City law firm](#) of Schwartzapfel Partners P.C.

“Unfortunately, when you look at recent inspection results, too many of these companies and drivers are not fulfilling the basic safety duties that they owe to passengers and the public,” he said.

Schwartzapfel pointed to three Manhattan checkpoints set up by the New York State Department of Transportation between March 18 and 20. The NYSDOT reported that 62 percent of the buses inspected had vehicle or driver violations that were serious enough to mandate their removal from the road.

According to the NYSDOT, 18 percent of the buses inspected in other parts of the state during that same weekend had vehicle and driver violations that required the buses to be taken out of service.

“These inspections revealed that there are safety problems throughout the tour bus industry,” Schwartzapfel said. “That’s why I fully support the NTSB’s review of the industry’s safety practices. The time for transportation authorities to act is now in order to protect passengers and the general public.”

Schwartzapfel said it is important that those harmed by careless bus companies and drivers act to protect their rights. If a person has been injured in a bus accident, or if they have lost a family member in a bus crash, Schwartzapfel said it is important to consult an experienced [New York accident lawyer](#).

“At Schwartzapfel Partners, when bus companies and drivers fail to live up to basic safety standards and expose passengers as well as the entire community to harm, they should be held responsible to the fullest extent of the law,” he said. “The victims should be fully compensated for the harm they have suffered.”



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