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Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) is very much concerned over the school van tragedy, in which the van caught fire in the Orangi Town Area of Karachi. 14 children, aged between 7 to 10 years, were in the van who suffered burns.

Unfortunately there is no check and law for school vans; who ever think can start this business.

PMA believes that Government should take solid steps to save the lives of school children. First of all the school vans should be registered and nobody be allowed to run school van without registration. Fitness certificate of every registered School van should be regularly checked. No van should be allowed to accommodate children more than its capacity. Speed limit of these vans should also be properly monitored. Laws regarding driver's license and his mental and physical health should also be implemented strictly. School name and complaint number must be written on every school van. We think that school management should also feel its responsibility and keep continuous check on the vans and drivers giving pick & drop to their children.

We demand from the Government that above mentioned suggestions be given the form of law and execute them and all other traffic laws strictly.

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