

NY Bus Crash Leaves Two in Critical Condition

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ROCHESTER, NY, One patient has been discharged while two remain in critical condition following a serious tour bus crash on the New York State Thruway, officials confirmed. The incident occurred on Aug. 22 on the stretch of highway between Rochester and Buffalo, involving a bus carrying 54 passengers.

The University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) is treating six of the passengers injured in the crash. A hospital spokesperson reported that three patients are currently stable, while two remain in critical condition. One patient has been discharged after receiving care.

Authorities said the crash caused significant delays on the Thruway and prompted an immediate emergency response. Multiple ambulances and law enforcement personnel were dispatched to the scene to provide medical attention and ensure passenger safety.

The bus, described by officials as a tour vehicle, was traveling westbound when it was involved in the crash. Details regarding the cause of the incident have not been released, and state police confirmed that the investigation is ongoing. Preliminary reports indicate no fatalities among the passengers, though injuries range from moderate to serious.

Local law enforcement emphasized that road conditions and driver safety remain priorities in ongoing travel safety campaigns. “Our focus is on ensuring passenger safety and determining the circumstances that led to this crash,” a spokesperson said.

Emergency medical teams worked quickly to transport the injured passengers to nearby hospitals, with URMC receiving the most serious cases. The center is coordinating with local authorities to provide updates on patient conditions and to support families affected by the incident.

Travelers in the area were advised to seek alternate routes while authorities cleared the scene. Officials reported that the Thruway reopened after several hours, and cleanup operations were conducted to remove debris and secure the roadway.

While the exact cause remains under investigation, transportation safety experts note that large passenger vehicles like tour buses require careful maintenance and attentive driving. Previous incidents have highlighted the importance of driver training, vehicle inspections, and adherence to highway safety regulations.

This incident marks one of several recent traffic accidents on New York highways, prompting state agencies to reinforce safety measures. Officials urge drivers to remain vigilant, obey speed limits, and exercise caution, particularly during peak travel periods and on major interstate routes.

The URMC continues to monitor the condition of hospitalized passengers, offering support services to those recovering from injuries sustained in the crash. Hospital officials say they

will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

Authorities remind the public that the investigation is ongoing and encourage anyone with information related to the crash to contact the New York State Police.