

School Bus Safety

Please review these important safety rules with your children.

Safety Rules for Safe Bus Riding

School will be starting before long and in order to keep children safe while on and around buses the following rules should be followed:

Be at the bus stop early. The bus driver may not see you running for the bus if you are late; you could slip and fall under the wheels.

Wait for the bus in a safe place *away* from the road and the cars that are driving by. Stay back from the curb until the bus has come to a complete stop.

Sit down as soon as possible. There may be other people waiting to get on and if it takes too long for everyone to get on other drivers may get impatient and go around the bus. Someone could get hit if this happens.

Stay seated at all times, "*back to back*" and "*bottom to bottom*." Take off your backpack and put it in your lap.

Keep your hands, arms and head inside the bus at all times. A bus is wider than a car; it gets very close to trees and poles and you could be seriously injured if you have any body parts outside the bus.

Please don't eat or drink on the bus. You could choke on the food and the driver may not see you.

Listen to the bus driver and follow directions. The bus driver's instructions are for *your* safety.

Leave the bus carefully using the handrail so you won't fall.

Take 10 giant steps past the front of the bus before crossing in front of it. You should be able to see the driver's face. *Remember, if you can't see his face he can't see you.*

Wait for the bus driver's signal telling you it is safe to cross the road.

Look LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT *yourself* before crossing the road. The driver may not see everything.

Stay away from the bus if you drop or forget something. NEVER go back to pick up something in the road, get an adult to get it for you. If you forgot something on the bus, you can always get it later. The bus driver can't see you if you are too close to the bus.

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