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## ***SCHOOL BUS SAFETY***

*DO YOU KNOW HOW  
TO BE  
SAFE  
IN THE DANGER ZONE?*



## THE DANGER ZONE

The Danger Zone is the space 10 feet all around the school bus. The bus driver cannot see children and small objects in the Danger Zone. Almost all school bus related fatalities occur outside the school bus in the loading zone and most happen because motorists illegally pass a school bus.



## Walking Safety Tips

When there is no sidewalk, walking out your home, first walk 5 giant steps (10) feet ahead of the bus. Bus drivers always park their bus where children enter and exit. Then look at the driver and wait for his/her signal. Walk, never run, to or from the bus.

## WAITING FOR THE BUS

Be at your bus stop 5 minutes early. Bus cannot be waiting. Your child needs be waiting for the bus. The bus driver shouldn't be waiting. Please let your child wait for the bus.

## GETTING ON THE BUS

-WHEN THE BUS COMES TO A COMPLETE STOP, BOARD THE BUS USING THE HANDRAIL.

-WHEN BOARDING THE BUS, LET SMALL CHILDREN GET ON FIRST. DON'T PUSH OR SHOVE. TAKE YOUR SEAT RIGHT AWAY BEFORE THE BUS STARTS TO MOVE.

### WORDS FOR PARENTS:

PLEASE REVIEW THIS BROCHURE WITH YOUR CHILD SO THAT YOU BOTH KNOW THE BUS SAFETY RULES. EVEN OLDER CHILDREN NEED TO BE REMINDED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY, AND REMEMBER THAT, BEFORE LEAVING FOR SCHOOL, YOUR CHILD NEEDS:

1. GOOD NIGHT OF SLEEP & HEALTHY BREAKFAST
2. TO BE DRESSED PROPERLY FOR THE WEATHER.
3. A BOOK BAG TO CARRY SCHOOL ITEMS SAFELY.
4. TO LEAVE HOME EARLY ENOUGH TO ARRIVE 5 MINUTES AT THE BUS STOP BEFORE THE BUS ARRIVAL TIME WITHOUT RUSHING.

## GETTING OFF THE BUS

*Remain in seat until the bus STOP. Patiently wait your turn. Use the handrail. Be careful that drawstrings or straps do not get caught in the handrail or door. Watch out for traffic. Step off the bus and onto the pathway. Make 5 giant steps away from the bus. If you drop something near the bus, NEVER try to pick it up. TELL THE DRIVER. The driver will help you get it. If you have to cross the street, note that drivers always park where children enter or exit, then look left, right and left again before crossing to the other side of the street. All parents need to park where child enters or exits. Because of unsafe drivers, do **not** let your child go across the street.*

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- BE SURE YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING HAS NO LOOSE DRAWSTRINGS AND BACK PACK STRAPS ARE SHORT SO THEY WON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE HANDRAIL OR BUS DOOR.
- Join with your neighbors to find a way to ensure that, every day, someone supervises the children at the bus stop.
- Walk the route your child has to take to and from the bus stop.
- Teach your child to ask the driver for help if they drop something near the bus. They should never step in the danger zone to pick it up

