

Bus Safety



A Tip Sheet for Parents

Parents, teach your children these few simple rules about bus safety. Make their ride a safe and happy one!

- Plan to be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Make sure to leave home in plenty of time so you don't have to run in the street.
- Wait for the bus in a safe place, off the roadway. Avoid horseplay and always respect the privacy and property of others.
- Enter the bus in an orderly manner and take your seat.
- When entering the bus, go directly to an available or assigned seat. Remain seated and facing forward at all times while the bus is moving.
- Respect the "danger zone" a 10 foot wide area surrounding the bus on all sides. When waiting to board, remain far enough away from the bus that you can clearly see the driver's face. That's usually about 10 giant steps. Approach the bus only after the driver opens the door.
- When leaving the bus, immediately step far enough away from the danger zone so the bus driver can see you.
- Never chase a bus after it has pulled away from the bus stop. The bus driver can't necessarily see you.
- Do not allow large objects such as musical instruments or backpacks to block the aisles or emergency exits.
- Do not extend your hands, elbows or head through the windows.
- Do not throw or pass objects to someone outside the bus.
- Do not return to the bus to pick up anything you left behind. The bus driver might not see you come back to the bus. Purses, sweaters, lunch boxes and school papers can all be replaced. Children can't.....
- When the bus driver gives you directions, follow them. Remain in your seat while the bus is in motion.
- Keep the aisle clear.
- Remain quiet and orderly.
- At the end of the ride, thank the bus driver for getting you home safely.

