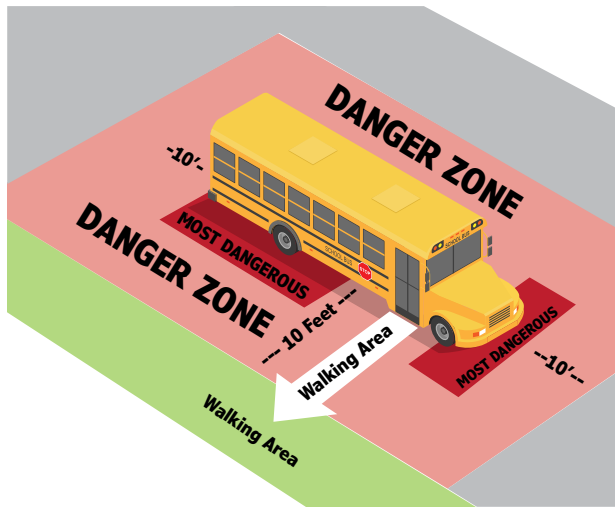


SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONE

- Always walk in front of the bus if you need to cross the road—The driver can't see you behind the bus.
- Always wait for the driver to signal you to cross, and look for other cars and bikes before crossing.
- Never stop to pick something up near the bus, even if you dropped it—Ask the driver or teacher to help you.
- Stay away from the DANGER ZONE until it's time to get on or off the bus.
- Do not walk between parked buses or play around them.



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YOUR BUS DRIVER

Your bus driver has a very important job. How can you make the driver feel special?

- Say “good morning” and “thank you”. Everyone likes to feel appreciated.
- Be kind and respectful to the driver, and to others on the bus.
- Follow the safety rules.
- When the driver says, “Stop, look and listen!”, you need to be quiet and follow their instructions.
- The bus driver is there for you. Let them know if you feel sick, you are hurt, or you need help with something.



MORE SAFETY RULES AND TIPS

If you feel hot, ask the driver to open the window, and keep your head and arms inside the bus at all times.

Don't throw stuff inside the bus, or out the window—You could hurt someone.

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Did you know that school bus safety is EVERY bus rider's responsibility?

You can help the bus driver get everyone to and from school safely, simply by following these bus safety rules.



WAITING AT THE STOP AND GETTING ON THE BUS

- Stand away from the road on the sidewalk, grassy area or nearby driveway until the bus arrives.
- Stay off snow banks to avoid sliding underneath the bus.
- Board the bus in a single file, without pushing, and hold the handrail.
- If you must cross the road to get on the bus, wait until the bus has stopped; look both ways to make sure all the cars have stopped, too; look at the driver and wait for the signal to cross; stay well in front of the bus so the driver can see you...WALK, don't run!

BUS RIDER RAP



I sit on the seat
With my feet in the gap
My back is on the back
And my backpack's on my lap



There is no eating or drinking allowed on the bus.

Use a quiet indoor voice—Loud screaming and yelling are distracting for the driver.

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GETTING OFF THE BUS

- Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped.
- Walk to the front of the bus and hold the handrail to get down the stairs.
- Only get off at your own stop. If you are not sure where your stop is, ask the driver.
- Once you get off the bus, walk straight to the shoulder of the road or sidewalk. Remember the Danger Zone.
- If you need to cross the road after you get off, take 10 big steps along the curb to the front of the bus; look both ways to make sure all the cars have stopped; look at the driver and wait for the signal to cross; stay well in front of the bus so the driver can see you... WALK, don't run!

