



SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Teaching your child to get on and off the bus safely.

You are your child's best teacher. Talk to young children about school bus safety before they enter kindergarten. When getting on the bus, teach your child to stay away from the danger zone and wait for the driver's signal to cross the street. Teach them to make eye contact with the driver and to board the bus one at a time. When getting off the bus, tell your child to look before stepping off the bus to be sure no cars are passing on the side of the road. Remind them to move away from the bus. Have them look left- right- left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped and to keep watching traffic when crossing the street.

Think safety:

- ✓ Be on time on the bus stop.
- ✓ Never run to or from the bus
- ✓ Stand back from the curb
- ✓ Don't push or shove
- ✓ Stay in your seat
- ✓ Don't yell or shout
- ✓ Always obey the driver
- ✓ Wait for the driver's signal before crossing
- ✓ Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
- ✓ Never crawl under a school bus.

Teach your child to ask the bus driver for help.

Talk to your child about asking the driver for help if he or she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick up something, the driver may not be able to see him or her. Tell your child not to carry loose items but to put everything in his or her backpack and zip it shut.