

School Bus Safety Tips



- Leave plenty of time to get to the bus stop safely.
 - Walk on the sidewalks, where available.
 - Remain alert at all times; don't listen to your MP3 players, text, talk on your cell phone or play handheld video games because you won't be aware of what's happening around you.
 - Also be careful when wearing your hood up; it makes it difficult for you to see.
 - When waiting for the bus, stay away from the street. Make sure you are aware of traffic and follow all traffic safety rules.
 - Make sure the driver can see you at all times by staying 10 giant steps away from the outside of the bus.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before you approach it to get on or before you stand up to get off.
 - Clothes or backpacks should not have drawstrings, toggles or key chains. They can get caught on bus handrails and doors.
 - Use the handrail so you don't trip on the stairs.
 - Find a seat and sit down immediately.
 - Know your driver's name and bus number to be sure you are boarding the right bus.
 - Be courteous and respectful to your driver.
 - Talk and laugh quietly with friends, but do not scream. It distracts the driver.
 - Don't put your head, arms, papers or anything out the window.
 - If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up. The driver may not see you. Instead, ask the driver for help.
 - If you have to cross the street, wait until the driver lets you know it's OK to cross.
 - Stay away from the bus wheels at all times – especially the back wheels where it's hard for the driver to see you.



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