

## School Bus Safety Tips

- Leave plenty of time to get to the bus stop. When you rush, you may not follow traffic safety rules.
- Walk on the sidewalks, where available.
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from the street. And don't play around so you are aware of traffic and can follow safety rules.
- Make sure the driver can see you at all times by staying ten 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.
- Grab the handrail so you don't trip on the stairs.
- Find a seat and sit down immediately.
- Talk and laugh quietly with friends, but do not scream, it distracts the driver.
- Do not 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.
- Stay away from the bus wheels at all times – especially the back wheels where it's hard for the driver to see you.

