

PLACE OF SAFETY (POS)

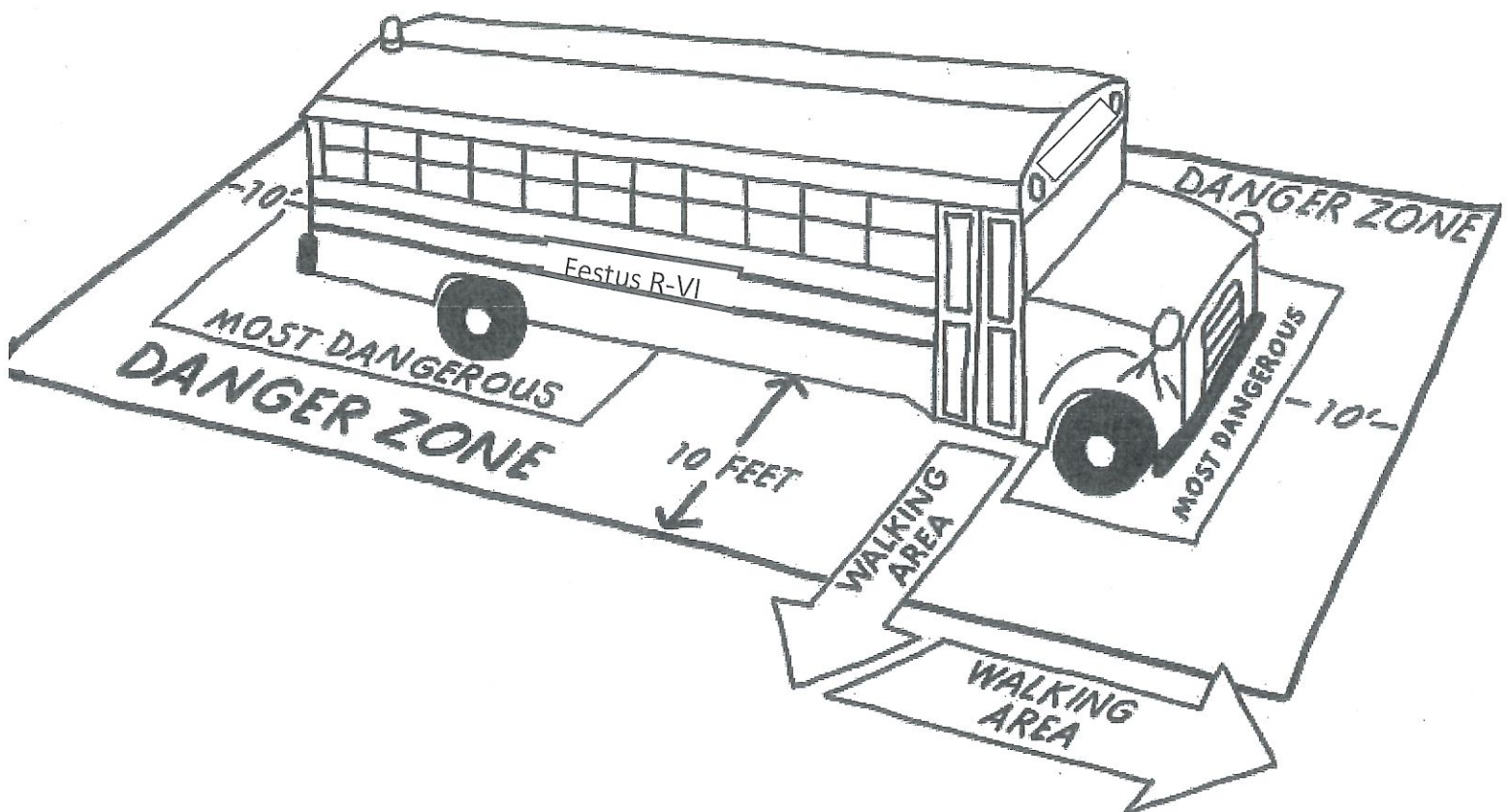
Each student is assigned a place of safety, at the bus stop on the residence side of the roadway. The driver must account for each pupil, at the designated place of safety before leaving. Pupils are not to proceed to their residence until the school bus has departed. (Ohio Revised Code 3301-83-13 school bus stops Paragraph B6).

The Stongsville bus drivers have been instructed to assign a place of safety to all students at every stop (**morning pick up and afternoon drop off**). **The students must be at their place of safety 5 minutes prior to the arrival of the bus.** Bus Drivers are to inform each student that they must wait at the place of safety till the back of the bus passes them. Once the back of the bus passes the students then and only then can the student leave the point of safety to proceed to their residence. **At no time are students permitted to leave that place of safety until the back of the bus passes them.** The place of safety is different for each stop. Place of safety are assigned to keep the students safe and clear of any hazards while at a bus stop.

This is a **STATE LAW** that all bus drivers and students must adhere to.

Things Parents Should Know About School Bus Safety

- School buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the bus.
- Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for approximately three times as many school bus related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities.
- The loading and unloading area is called the "Danger Zone".
- The "Danger Zone" is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the bus driver (ten feet in front of the bus where the driver may be high to see a child, ten feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver's blind spot, and the area behind the bus.)
- Half of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus related crashes are between 5 and 7 years old.
- Young children are most likely to be struck because they:
 1. Hurry to get on and off the bus.
 2. Act before they think and have little experience with traffic.
 3. Assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross the street.
 4. Don't always stay within the bus driver's sight.



School Bus Safety

Students Riding a School Bus Always:

- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early.
- Stand at least 5 giant steps (10 feet) away from the edge of the road.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay before stepping on the bus.
- Be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags with straps or dangling objects do not get caught in the handrail or door when exiting the bus.
- Check both ways for cars before stepping off the bus.

Students Crossing a Road Should:

- Walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus.
- Walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least 10 giant steps ahead of the bus.
- Be sure the bus driver can see them, and they can see the bus driver.
- Wait for the bus driver's signal (hand to drop) before the student crosses.

Things Kids Should Know About School Bus Safety:

- The bus driver and others cannot see you if you are standing closer than 10 feet to the bus. Stay out of the danger zone.
- If something falls under or near the bus, tell the driver. NEVER try to pick it up yourself!
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the street.
- When you get on or off the bus, look for the bus safety lights and make sure they are flashing.
- Be alert to traffic. When you get on or off the bus, look left, right, left before you enter or cross the street.
- When the driver says it is safe to cross the street, remember to CROSS IN FRONT of the bus.
- Stay in your seat and sit quietly so that the driver is not distracted.