

# PARENTS: IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ALERT

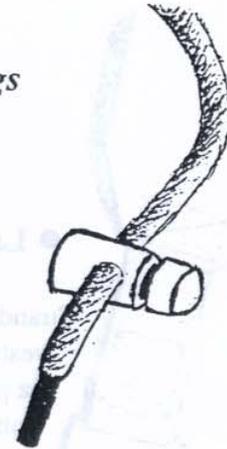
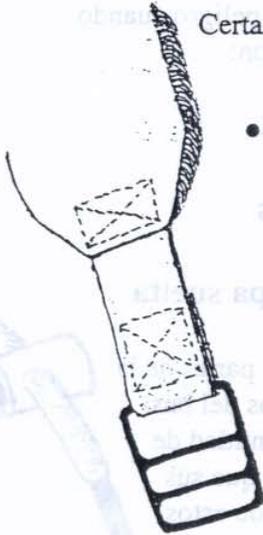
## HELP US PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Certain types of children's clothing can create a hazard as your child gets off the school bus. Especially dangerous are:

- *Long, dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings*
- *Long backpack straps*
- *Long scarves or other loose clothing*

Such clothing can be caught in the bus handrail, door, or other equipment as the child gets off the bus.

In recent years, a number of children across the U.S. have had their clothing caught as they exited the bus. Several of these children were dragged by the bus and then killed when the bus ran over them.



*Please take the time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe. Remove drawstrings from clothing whenever possible - at least, cut off drawstring tabs and knots.*

Also, please talk with your child about the following safety rules:

- *Stay away from the Danger Zones around the bus.*
- *Make eye contact with your driver before crossing - wait for driver's signal.*
- *Remember - other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus - use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.*
- *Never try to pick up something dropped near the bus - the bus driver might not see you and you could be run over.*

### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT - NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN A CHILD'S LIFE.