

Bus Safety

Keeping Your Child Safe



Whether your child is a new bus rider or has been riding a bus for years, it's important to talk about bus safety.

Go over these safety rules with your child.

Getting On the Bus

- ▶ Get to the bus stop early.
- ▶ When you see the bus coming, line up away from the curb.
- ▶ Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver opens the door before you move toward the bus.
- ▶ Be extra careful when you cross the street to get on the bus.

On the Bus

- ▶ Always obey the bus driver.
- ▶ Stay in your seat and don't shout or yell.
- ▶ Never stick your hands, arms, or head out the window.
- ▶ Report any bullying or dangerous behavior you see.

Getting Off the Bus

- ▶ If you have to walk in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet (5 giant steps) in front of the bus. Make sure you can see the driver, and the driver can see you.
- ▶ If you have to cross the street, wait for the driver to signal it's safe. Then look left, right, and left again before crossing.

Go over this bus safety checklist with your child.



- I know where my bus stop is.
- I know what my bus number is.
- I know where to get on my bus at school.
- I know how to stay safe when waiting for the bus.
- I know how to stay safe on the bus.
- I know how to stay safe when getting off the bus.

Drivers are required by law to stop when school buses are loading and unloading students. However, many drivers do not stop, which puts students at risk. Make sure your child knows to be extra careful when getting on and off the bus, and to not assume that all drivers will stop.

Bus Number(s) _____

Bus Stop Location _____

Bus Departure Time _____