

School bus rules

The following rules are posted in the bus and must be observed by all passengers:

School Bus *Basic* RULES

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- ➔ Obey the driver
- ➔ Respect others
- ➔ Remain seated
- ➔ Keep aisle clear
- ➔ Talk quietly

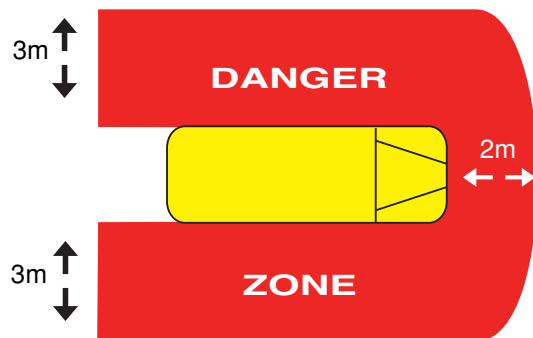
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Danger zone!

Why you must cross 3 metres in front of the bus

When you are 3 metres in front of the bus the driver can see you and signal you to cross.

At less than 3 metres, you're in the danger zone: there's a chance the bus driver won't see you.



School Bus Safety guidelines



1. Obey the driver promptly.
2. Avoid any unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion.
3. Respect the driver and fellow passengers.
4. Arrive on time and stand away from the roadway while waiting for the school bus.
5. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before moving to get on.
6. When crossing the road, wait for the driver's signal and always cross at least 3 metres in front of the bus. **NEVER CROSS BEHIND THE BUS.**
7. Always keep a safe distance around the school bus.
8. Go directly to your seat; allow others to sit with you. **Remain seated.**
9. Sit facing forward, with your belongings on your lap or under the seat. **Keep the aisle clear.**
10. Obtain approval of the driver to open windows or emergency door. Nothing must hang out or be thrown out of the windows of the bus.
11. **Talk quietly.** Silence is required when approaching a railway crossing.
12. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus. Use of tobacco is forbidden.
13. Neither pets nor large objects are allowed on the bus.
14. Anyone who intentionally damages the bus will be held responsible.
15. Dress according to weather conditions. For safety reasons, avoid drawstrings or loose objects on clothing and backpacks.

Violation may result in disciplinary action and possible loss of transportation



PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY GUIDE

STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 TO 12

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Introduction

Like many other students you travel by school bus, either on a regular or an occasional basis. To ensure your safety, and that of other passengers, it is very important that you know and follow school bus safety rules.

This pamphlet will show you how to:

- ◆ wait for the bus
- ◆ get on the bus
- ◆ behave while riding on the bus
- ◆ get off the bus
- ◆ react in case of emergency

School bus safety is a team effort. By following the rules and guidelines described in this pamphlet you will help to ensure your safety and that of the other passengers.

Waiting for the bus

It is important that you wait for the bus at your designated bus stop. You should be there five minutes before the bus arrives. Here are the rules to follow while waiting for the bus:

- ◆ Wait for the school bus on the sidewalk or the shoulder of the road. Remain at a safe distance from traffic. Because the road is so close, do not shove other students.
- ◆ Respect the property where you are waiting.
- ◆ Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Avoid clothes or bags with drawstrings. The drawstring could get caught in the handrail or on a seat and cause a fall.
- ◆ Do not bring pets or large objects on the bus.
- ◆ When the bus arrives, get in line with the other students.
- ◆ If you must cross the road, wait for the driver's signal before doing so.

Getting on the bus

Getting on the bus is simple, right? Nonetheless, serious accidents have occurred when students tripped while boarding a bus. That is why you must follow these rules:

- ◆ Make sure the bus has come to a complete stop before approaching it and getting on.
- ◆ Do not rush, because the steps could be slippery - especially in winter. Hold the handrail when getting on the bus.
- ◆ Once on board, sit down without delay so you don't block the aisle.

Riding on the bus

The driver is responsible for getting you safely to your destination, so you must listen to him/her and do what he/she says.

During the ride the bus driver must concentrate on operating the vehicle. It is important not to distract the driver by talking loudly or shoving other students. Follow these rules:

- ◆ Sit normally. Place your books on your lap or under your seat. Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- ◆ Remain seated throughout the ride and be courteous to other passengers.
- ◆ Do not open windows unless the driver gives you permission to do so.
- ◆ Do not stick your arms or head outside the bus.
- ◆ Do not throw anything out the window, as that could hurt someone who is passing by or cause an accident.
- ◆ Speak quietly so as not to distract the driver. If the bus must cross at a railway crossing, keep silent while the bus approaches and crosses it.
- ◆ Listen to the driver and do what he or she says.
- ◆ Do not eat, drink or smoke on the bus.

Getting off the bus

A very simple action, but one that can have serious consequences if you don't follow these rules:

- ◆ Remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop. Students seated at the front of the bus must get off first.
- ◆ Exit calmly, holding on to the handrail. Make sure nothing gets caught in it.
- ◆ Once off the bus, move at least 3 metres in front of it. (This is a bit further than the safety arm when it is extended.)
- ◆ Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.
- ◆ Look both ways before crossing the street.
- ◆ Never cross behind the bus.



Summary

- ◆ Follow the safety rules and guidelines.
- ◆ Be courteous to the driver and the other passengers.
- ◆ Your behaviour serves as an example for younger students.
- ◆ In an emergency, follow the driver's instructions and promptly provide any help asked of you.

Emergency Evacuation

During the school year, your bus driver will conduct an emergency evacuation exercise. Make sure you follow the bus driver's instructions.