

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

The school bus is one of the safest ways to travel.

To keep your children safe, please follow these steps when picking up or dropping off students at the bus stop and teach them about staying safe.

FOR PARENTS

If you pick up or drop off children at the bus stop:

- Wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop, where safely possible.
- Park your car well away from the bus stop or other children.
- Teach children about safe bus behaviour and practice it with them.
- Encourage children to wait quietly at the stop and to keep away from the road.

If your children make their own way to and from the bus stop:

- Teach and walk your child along the safest route.
- Choose the route with the fewest road crossings and least traffic.
- If they have to cross the road after getting off the bus, teach them to wait until the bus has moved away and they can see up and down the road clearly.
- Dress them in brightly-coloured or reflectorised clothing that can be easily seen by drivers.
- You could also encourage your school to establish a bus warden system.

FOR CHILDREN

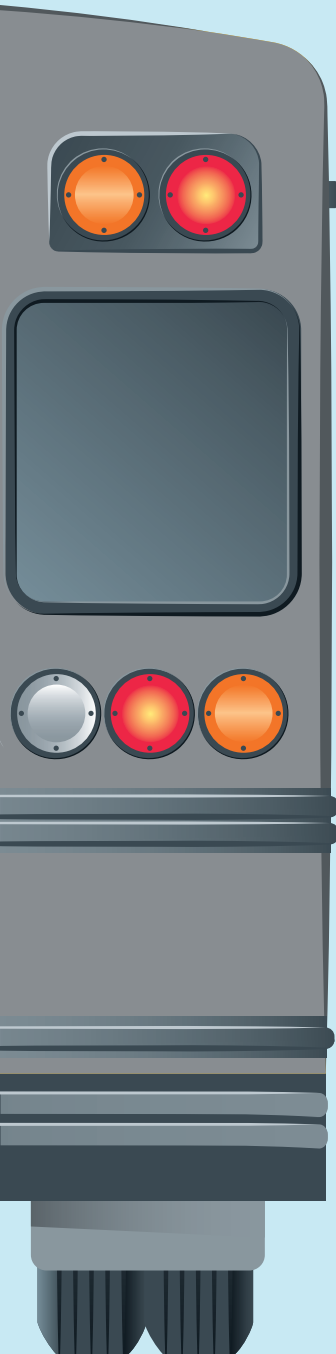
Waiting for the bus:

- Wait at the nominated bus stop.
- Keep well away from the road edge.
- Wait quietly, avoid playing games where you might end up running onto the road.

Getting on the bus:

- Form a single line.
- Make sure the bus has stopped fully before you try to get on.
- Let younger children on first.
- Be patient and let those in front of you get on without pushing.
- Carry your school bag as it may get caught in the door if you wear it.





On the bus:

- Quickly choose your seat and sit down.
- Put your bag on your lap or under your seat to keep the aisle clear.
- Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped.
- Follow what the bus driver or bus warden tells you to do.
- If you have to stand, put your bag on the floor and hold onto a seat back or handrail.

Getting off the bus:

- Wait until the bus has fully stopped before getting off carefully.
- Be patient and let those in front of you get off without any shoving or pushing.
- After you get off the bus, wait well away from the road edge until the bus has moved off.
- If you need to cross the road, wait until the bus has left and you can see clearly up and down the road before crossing. Always use the kerb drill to cross.
- Stand well clear of the bus if it's turning or reversing.
- Setting up a school bus warden system

Bus wardens are responsible senior students who help promote safe school bus behaviour. The warden's tasks are to:

- Help students travel to and from school safely.
- Help parents look after their children.
- Notify bus drivers of any passenger changes and prevent students from distracting them.
- You can suggest that your child's school sets up a bus warden system. Together the school, bus operator, parents and the local police school community officer decide whether a system is needed.

Find out more on setting up a bus warden team in the school traffic safety manual:

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Or scan the QR code here!

