

Bus Safety



The yellow school bus is one of the most recognizable vehicles on the road. Children need to be taught how to get safely on and off the school bus. Drivers should observe traffic safety rules regarding school buses.

Safety Tips for Children

STEP BACK

While waiting for the bus, stay at least 10 feet from the edge of the roadway.

BE SAFE

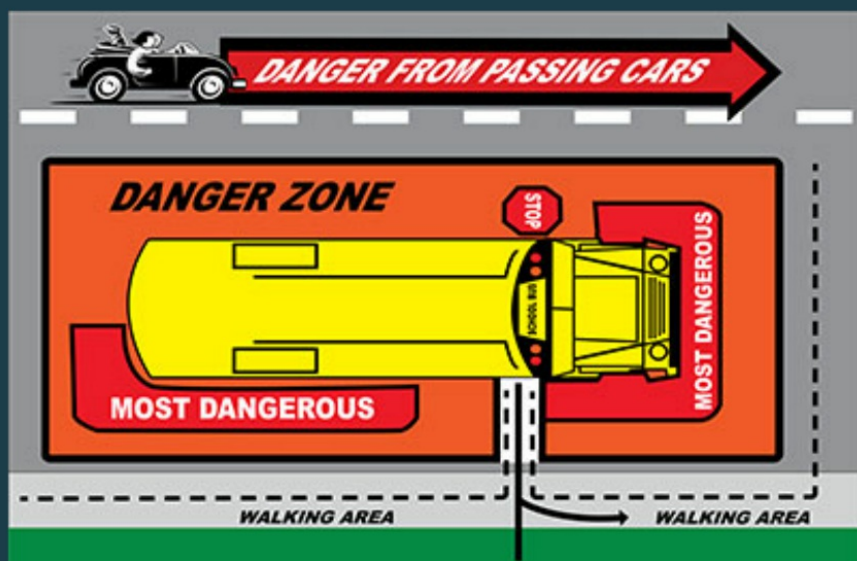
Be mindful of traffic. Don't run or play at the bus stop.

BE SEEN

Wear light colored clothing, so the bus driver and other motorists can see you.

Stay alert and pay attention to your surroundings. Texting or talking on your phone, or listening to music are distractions that could lead to injury.

While the bus is pulling up, stay at least 10 feet (five giant steps) away from the bus. Before approaching the bus, make sure the bus driver sees you.



Safety Tips for Motorists

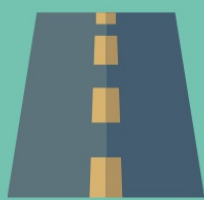
Motorists must learn the flashing signal light system school bus drivers use to alert motorists of the school bus stopping to load or unload students:



Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop and load or unload children. Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop.



Red flashing lights with an extended stop sign arm indicates a stopped school bus with children getting on or off.



Highways with only two travel lanes, one in each direction, **MUST STOP** for the bus. This applies to approaching or following the bus in either direction. You must remain stopped until the lights on the bus are no longer flashing and the bus is in motion.



Motorists traveling with a bus on a multi-lane highway must stop and remain so until the lights are longer flashing or the bus resumes motion. Motorists approaching a bus from the front on this type of multi-lane roadway need not stop – but proceed with caution.

Avoid costly violations

A traffic ticket is expensive. There can be fines upwards of \$1,000 and/or 6 points against your license.

Know the law by visiting:

<http://www.scdmvonline.com/dmvnew/forms/general.pdf>

Slow down, prepare to stop, and always look for children.

Sources:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/school-buses>
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