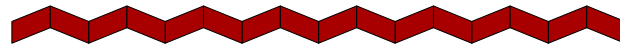




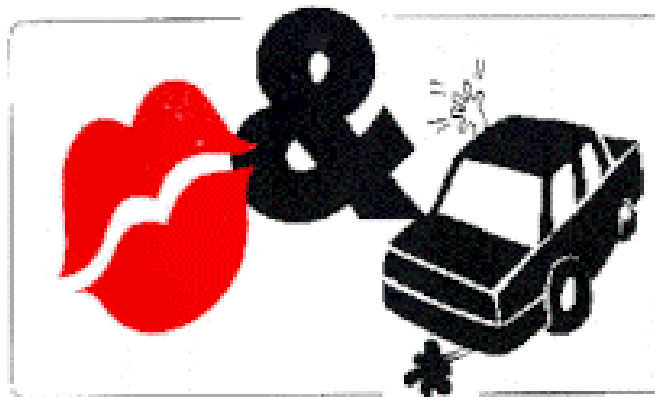
PARTNERS IN SAFETY: A KISS & RIDE CONTRACT



Safety & Security Fact Sheet

The following Kiss & Ride suggestions help create a partnership between parents and the school while maintaining safety for everyone.

- ✓ As schools prepare to open and students get ready to return, parents who drive their children to school are reminded to use the designated Kiss & Ride areas and to observe safety rules. Traffic around schools can pose a safety problem, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. The flow of traffic caused by parents dropping off and picking up children can create a potential hazard.
- ✓ One way to ensure a safe environment is to encourage parents to enter into a **Contract for Safety**. The **Contract for Safety** is a document parents sign showing they have read and agree to follow the Kiss & Ride rules. A sample contract is attached.
- ✓ Schools can personalize the contract by printing it on school letterhead or including a picture of their mascot on it. However, the general text of the contract should remain unchanged since the objective is to gain parent cooperation. Duplicate the **Contract for Safety** and distribute it to parents in back-to-school or take-home packets. Parents should be instructed to sign and return the contracts to the school. Retain signed contracts at the school for one year.
- ✓ Schools may create printed, numbered **Contract for Safety** mirror tags and issue one to each person who signs a contract. Mirror tags help identify parents who participate in the program and those who need a gentle reminder of the Kiss & Ride rules.



If you need assistance, call the safety section at 571-423-2010.



KISS & RIDE CONTRACT FOR SAFETY

Most elementary schools in Fairfax County have established an area called the Kiss & Ride, which is designed as a safe place for adults in private vehicles to load and unload children. The Kiss & Ride is separate from the school bus area, which helps schools to avoid problems associated with cars passing buses, or cars parking in bus only zones and fire lanes. It also establishes a pedestrian traffic pattern to keep children safe.

If all drivers cooperate, the adult supervisor, with the assistance of the safety patrols, will be able to provide an efficient and safe transfer of children. To ensure safety for everyone, observe the following rules when loading and unloading children:

- ✓ Pull forward as far as possible into the designated Kiss & Ride lane before loading or unloading.
- ✓ Load and unload in the Kiss & Ride area only.
- ✓ Load and unload from the passenger side of the car only.
- ✓ Keep "good-byes" brief.
- ✓ Remain in the driver's seat. (Safety patrols can assist with car doors.)
- ✓ Do not pass other cars that are loading or unloading.
- ✓ Do not park in the Kiss & Ride lane and leave car unattended.
- ✓ Do not park in the parking lot or at the side of the street and call to children.
- ✓ Exit the Kiss & Ride promptly after loading or unloading children.



KISS & RIDE PARENT AGREEMENT

I have read and agree to follow the Kiss & Ride rules.

I understand that failure to follow these rules is cause to revoke my Kiss & Ride privileges.

Primary Driver

Secondary Driver

Print Name _____ Print Name _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Name(s) of student(s) transported _____

Mirror Tag # _____ Mirror Tag # _____