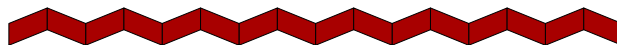




SCHOOL BUS ENTRY ROPE BARRICADES



Safety & Security Fact Sheet

Many elementary schools use rope barricades to prevent private vehicles from entering the areas reserved for school buses. The barricades are most often staffed with student safety patrols, who lower the ropes to allow school bus entry. Several important guidelines must be followed regarding the installation and use of a rope barricade to prevent injury to students and property.

EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

1. The request for the installation of a rope barricade must be directed to the Office of Safety and Security (OSS). The safety section of OSS will initiate a DC-407 work request to provide the necessary equipment to the school.
2. The rope barricade must have a metal spring clip attached to each end of the rope.
3. The metal spring clips attach to the metal poles that are installed at each side of the school bus entry area.
4. A sign is attached to the middle of the rope that states “Buses Only” or “Do Not Enter.”

OPERATION GUIDELINES

1. Students must use the clips to attach the rope to the poles. Students must NOT hold the rope once the barricade is raised, nor should they have their hand on the rope once it is lowered to allow buses to enter. Students must be told to NEVER consider tying the rope around their wrists or their waists. Such action could easily cause serious injury or death if the rope became entangled with the wheels of a bus.
2. When the rope is lowered for bus entry, make sure the rope is completely relaxed on the pavement. (A parked car was once damaged when a bus wheel caught a loop of rope and dragged the rope and attached sign against the car.)
3. If the rope is not long enough to reach the poles easily, or if the sign or clips are damaged, submit a work order request to the Office of Maintenance Services for necessary corrections.

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