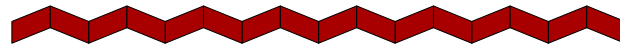




SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



Safety & Security Fact Sheet

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it stops to load or discharge passengers, children should not rely on them to do so. The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their youngsters these rules for getting on and off the school bus.

- ✓ While you wait for the bus, stay away from traffic. Avoid roughhousing or other careless behavior. Do not stray onto streets, alleys, or private property.
- ✓ When the school bus approaches, line up away from the street or road. Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before you step on the road.
- ✓ When you step onto the bus, use the handrail.
- ✓ Once you get on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Don't distract the bus driver with loud talking or other noise.
- ✓ Never put your head, arms, or hands out the window.
- ✓ Keep aisles clear - books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
- ✓ Before you reach your stop, prepare to leave by getting your books and belongings together.
- ✓ At your destination, wait for the bus to stop completely before you get up from your seat. Then walk to the front door and exit, using the handrail. Make sure book bags and coat strings do not hang loose and get caught in the handrail as you exit.
- ✓ If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver. Make sure that the driver can see you. Wait for a signal from the driver before you start across the street. When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- ✓ Do not cross the centerline of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to continue walking.
- ✓ Stay away from the bus's wheels at all times.



If you need assistance, call the safety section at 571-423-2010
or Transportation Services at 703-446-2000.