

It Shouldn't Be This Dangerous! Stop For Red Flashing Lights!



SAFETY TIPS PARENTS:

- Make sure you always drop off and pick up your child at the designated bus stop – not across the street. Children can sometimes get excited to see you after school and dart across the road without looking.
- Be sure someone responsible walks with your child and waits with them at the bus stop.
- Before you leave the house, put everything that your child will need into their backpack so they won't drop items along the way. Make sure all loose straps, drawstrings, etc. are secured so they won't get caught in the handrail or door of the bus as they are entering or exiting.
- If possible, dress your child in bright, contrasting colors so drivers can easily see them. Take extra precaution when they are waiting at the bus stop in the dark. In cold weather, dress your child in a warm hat instead of having them wear a hood. Hoods can make it more difficult for them to hear and see traffic as they are crossing the street.
- Make sure your child leaves for the bus stop at a reasonable time to avoid rushing or running.
- Show your child how to safely walk to the bus stop. Always walk on the sidewalk when possible, stay out of the street.
- Watch for blinking amber lights on a school bus, which means it is coming to a stop and be sure to ALWAYS stop when the stop arm is extended.
- When riding the bus remind students to be nice. School buses are a **NO-Bully Zone!** If they see someone being bullied, immediately let the driver or a teacher know.

STUDENT SAFETY TIPS AT THE BUS STOP:

- Walk, don't run to your bus stop. Get to your bus stop (5) five minutes early. And never chase the bus while it's moving.
- Pay attention at the bus stop. Listening to music or playing video games can distract you from watching for traffic.
- Stay out of the street while waiting for the school bus. For your safety stay at least (10) ten giant steps from a moving bus.
- Wait for the bus to completely stop before you move toward it to get on and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Get in a single file line to board the bus. (No pushing)
- Stay away from the bus wheels at all times.
- Items with straps and strings, like hoodies and book bags, can get stuck on the handrail or in the door as you get on/off the bus.
- If you must cross the street, first wait for your driver's signal that it's safe to cross. Second, always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Never, cross behind the bus.
- If you drop something outside the bus, do not go after it, tell the driver. When they give you the safe sign, then pick it up.
- Watch out for all traffic when walking to and from the bus in your neighborhood, or at your school building bus stop.
- When you enter the bus, find your seat and quickly sit down.
- Keep your hands, arms and head inside the bus.
- Use your inside voice during your ride. Don't leave books, trash, homework or other items on the bus.
- Stay in your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop. That means don't stand up as the bus approaches your bus stop.
- Always get off the bus at your stop, never at a different stop.
- Always obey and respect your bus driver. Remember, they're responsible for keeping you and all of other riders safe.