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## School Bus Safety

### Safety Tips for Kids!

- While waiting for the bus, be mindful of your surroundings and monitor traffic.
- Buckle up, if seat belts are available.
- Keep the noise down—loud noises can distract the driver.
- Stay seated! Please do not stand in the aisle or on your seat.
- Keep all your body parts inside the bus at all times.
- Keep the aisles clear of books and bags.
- Gather your belongings together before reaching your stop.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting up from your seat.
- If you have any questions, always ask an adult!



### Safety Tips for Parents!

- Parents walk young kids to the bus stop, wait with them until it arrives and make sure the driver can see the kids.
- Have kids stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches, let it come to a complete stop and board the bus one at a time.
- If your child needs to cross the street, have your child take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Instruct younger kids to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus . If your child drops something, they should tell the bus driver and make sure the bus driver is able to see them before they pick it up.

### Did you know?

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) school buses are 70 times safer than traveling by car!

For more information, please visit the links provided below:

<https://saferide4kids.com/blog/keeping-kids-safe-on-school-buses/>

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

