

# Parents

## Tips for Parents to keep children safe

- ✓ Park the car in the safest legal place on the same side of the bus stop so students can get on the bus safely.
- ✓ Always leave enough room for a large bus to park.
- ✓ As a bus approaches, stick to the footpath and keep 3 metres between you and the edge of the road.
- ✓ When disembarking the school bus, remind children to wait until the bus has departed the stop before crossing the road, and to never enter the danger zone located directly in front or behind the bus.
- ✓ Always slow down when entering a school zone or nearing school buses - it's the law. A driver must not exceed 40 km/h within 50m of a bus displaying a school bus warning sign and/or flashing lights.
- ✓ Remember children at bus stops are the responsibility of their parent or guardian.

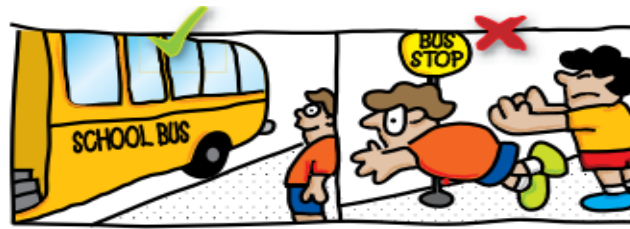


# Bus Safety

## When crossing the Road:

### STOP, LOOK, LISTEN & THINK

- ✓ **Stop** back from the kerb.
- ✓ **Look** right, **look** left and **look** right again.
- ✓ **Listen** for vehicles approaching.
- ✓ **Think** "is it safe to cross the road or not?"
- ✓ Wait until there is a safe break between traffic to cross.



Do stand well back when at the bus stop and wait until the bus has completely stopped.

Don't rush or push others when the bus arrives.



Do wait until the bus moves away before crossing the road.

Don't cross the road in front of the bus or between parked cars.

# BUS SAFETY TIPS

## FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS



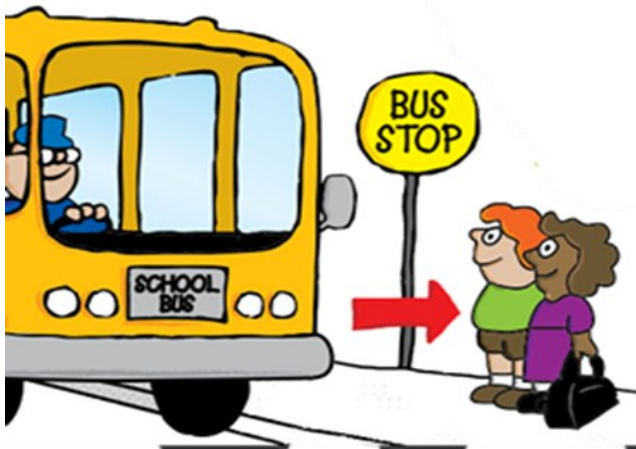
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# Safety Rules

## At the bus stop:

- ✓ Walk, do not run to the bus stop.
- ✓ Stand well back from the road when waiting for the bus.
- ✗ Do not push or shove others when the bus is approaching the stop.
- ✓ Wait until the bus stops completely before going near the door.
- ✓ Get onto the bus in an orderly manner.
- ✓ Leave home with plenty of time to get to the bus stop. Accidents can happen when people rush.
- ✓ If your bus stop is in front of somebody else's property, be courteous, respect other's property and never leave rubbish behind.
- ✓ Always pay attention while at the bus stop.
- ✓ Have your money, ticket, card or free pass ready for the driver



# Riding the Bus

## On board the bus:

- ✓ Take your seat on the bus and stay in it while the bus is moving. If there are seat belts, you must wear them it's the law.
- ✓ Always show care, courtesy and good behaviour while on the bus.
- ✓ Always treat the driver with respect. They have the important job of getting you and others to school safely.
- ✓ Make sure bags, large instruments or sports equipment do not block the aisle or emergency exits. Feet should be right in front of you on the floor.
- ✗ Never play with the emergency exits.
- ✓ If there is an emergency, listen to your driver and follow instructions.
- ✓ Hands should be kept to yourself at all times while riding in the bus.
- ✗ Fighting, bullying and verbal abuse will not be tolerated, these actions could see you banned from the bus.
- ✓ Respect other passengers with your noise level and behaviour.



# Exiting the Bus

## Leaving the bus:

- ✓ Let the driver know when your stop is coming up.
- ✓ When getting off the bus, take three large steps away from the kerb and wait for the bus to leave before crossing the road.
- ✗ **NEVER** cross the road in front of the bus.
- ✓ If you leave something on the bus, never return to the bus to get it. The driver may not see you come back and they may begin moving the bus. The driver will have your left item for you tomorrow.
- ✓ Make sure that drawstrings and other loose objects are tucked away and secure before getting off the bus so that they do not get caught on the handrail or the door.
- ✓ Always remain 10 steps away from the bus to be out of the "**Danger Zone**" and where the driver can see you.

