

# School Bus Safety Tips



- Leave plenty of time to safely get to the bus stop.
- Where available, walk on the sidewalks.
- Remain alert at all times. Don't listen to your MP3 players, text, talk on your cell phone or play handheld video games because you won't be aware of what's happening around you.
- Do not wear your hood up while walking to and from the bus stop; it makes it difficult for you to see and hear.
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from the street. Make sure you are aware of traffic and follow all traffic safety rules.

staying 12 giant steps away from the outside of the bus.

- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before you get on or before you stand up to get off.
- Clothes or backpacks should not have drawstrings, toggles or key chains. They can get caught on bus handrails and doors.
- Use the handrail so you don't trip on the stairs.
- Find a seat and sit down immediately.
- Know your driver's name and bus number to be sure you are boarding the right bus.
- Be courteous and respectful to your driver.
- Talk and laugh quietly with friends but do not scream. It distracts the driver.
- Don't put your head, arms, papers or anything out the window.
- If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up. The driver may not see you. Instead, ask the driver for help.
- If you have to cross the street, wait until the driver lets you know it's OK to cross.
- Stay away from the bus wheels at all times – especially the back wheels where it's hard for the driver to see you.



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