

Keeping our Children Safe is a full-time job.

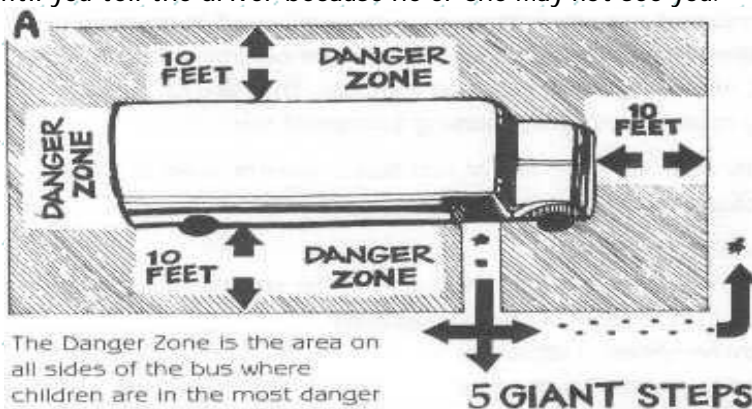
## School Bus Safety



We would like to help you, as parents, prepare your children for riding a bus by sharing a few tips on **School Bus Safety** is our primary concern. Our Transportation Department devotes many hours on yearly training and preparation so drivers will be able to offer the safest environment possible to all passengers. This training is a requirement of both Federal and State guidelines.

School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation. More than 23 million students ride Yellow School Buses daily. The greatest potential of danger is during the **Loading and Unloading**. Discuss these Safety Tips with your children to keep them safe and prepare them for their bus ride.

1. Arrive at the bus stop **5 minutes** before the bus is due.
2. **Don't** cross the road in front of a moving bus. When crossing the street to get to your bus stop always look left, then right, then left again. **Never** cross the road from between parked cars.
3. If you walk to your bus stop, try to stay off the streets, but if you can't, walk **facing** the traffic.
4. When the bus approaches **Stay Back** at least than 3 giant steps from the curb.
5. **Wait** until the bus comes to a complete stop, and the driver tells you it's okay to get on.
6. If you drop something near the bus, **Do Not** pick it up until you tell the driver because he or she may not see you.
7. Never walk too close to a bus. There are areas that can not be seen easily by the driver. These areas are called the "**Danger Zones**." If you stay 10 feet or 5 giant steps away from the front and both sides of the bus, you will be in better view of the bus driver.
8. **Never** walk behind the bus, the driver can not see you. **Always** stay away from the tires of the bus.
10. **Take your seat quickly** and stay seated while moving.



The Danger Zone is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of being hit. Children should stay ten feet away from the bus (or as far away as they can) and never go behind it. They should take five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing, so they can be seen by the driver.

### National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey for 2004–2005

This national survey is published annually providing information on all fatal accidents involving students while loading and/or unloading from a school bus.

#### Children Killed by School Bus

7—Front of Bus

7—Back of Bus

Children Killed by Vehicle

Passing School Bus

6—Passing Vehicle

0—Other

20—Total Children Killed in

Loading-Unloading Accidents

#### Age of Children Killed

1—3 Years Old

2—4 Years Old

6—5 Years Old

5—6 Years Old

1—8 Years Old

1—9 Years Old

1—11 Years old

1—13 Years Old

2—14 Years Old

#### Children Killed

3—Going to School

17—Going home from School

#### Place Child was Killed

1—Unloading @ School A.M.

2—Waiting at Bus Stop

12—Unloading Bus in P.M.

1—Walking to Bus Stop A.M.

4—Walking from Bus Stop P.M.

#### Type of Road

2- Gravel

15- City Street

2-State Highway

1-County Road

#### Area Occurred

12- Urban

8-Rural