

# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

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**MOST SERIOUS SCHOOL BUS INCIDENTS OCCUR WHEN CHILDREN ARE OUTSIDE THE BUS, AND 75% OF THESE INCIDENTS INVOLVE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF NINE.**

## **Make sure your children know and follow these rules:**

1. Be on time for the bus.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Be alert and stand back from the curb.
4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.
9. Always cross at least 12 feet in front of the bus.
10. Never crawl under a school bus.

## **Meet the bus.**

Coordinate with other parents to ensure an adult is present at the bus stop every day, especially when children under the age of nine are present.

## **Avoid using gadgets near buses.**

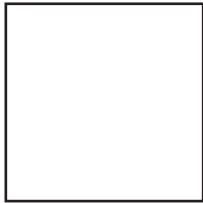
Headphones, cell phones, MP3 players all distract our kids from knowing when a bus is approaching. Urge your kids to wait to use them when they're a safe distance from the bus.

## **Remove drawstrings.**

Clothing your children like may not always be safe. Drawstrings can catch in playground equipment, fences, school bus doors and escalators. Remove, shorten or replace drawstrings with another kind of fastener.



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