

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School bus safety starts with you, every morning and every afternoon. Take a few minutes to make sure your kids understand the rules of the road.

Most school bus fatalities occur when children are *outside* the bus, and three quarters of these tragedies involve children under the age of nine.

Make sure your children know these rules:

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. 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 10 feet in front of the bus.
10. Never crawl under a school bus.

Coordinate with other parents to make sure that an adult is present at the bus stop every day, especially with children under the age of nine.

Remove drawstrings

Your kids' favourite clothing may not always be the safest. Drawstrings can catch in school bus doors, playground equipment, fences, and escalators. Remove, shorten, or replace drawstrings with another kind of fastener.

By following simple rules, you can keep your kids safe – before they get on the bus.

