

THE DANGER ZONE

SCHOOL BUSES ARE THE SAFEST WAY TO GET TO SCHOOL.

School buses are nearly eight times safer than passenger vehicles, but children must take care when boarding or leaving the bus. Every year, in the nation, students are injured or killed getting on and off the bus while they are in the Danger Zone.

The Danger Zone is the space all around the school bus. It goes out 10 feet. The school bus driver cannot see students in this zone. It is very dangerous to be in this area.



TEACH YOUR CHILD TO GET ON AND OFF THE BUS SAFELY:

- When getting on the bus, stay away from the “Danger Zone” and wait for the door to open before moving toward the bus.
- When getting off the bus, take 10 giant steps out from the front of the bus, or until you can see the driver’s face. Wait for the driver to signal that it’s safe to cross.
- Look left–right–left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped. Keep watching traffic when crossing.



SAFETY STEPS YOU CAN TAKE:

- Supervise children to make sure they get to the bus stop on time, wait safely away from the road, and avoid rough play.
- Teach your children to ask the driver for help if they drop something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick up something, the driver cannot see the child and the child may be hit by the bus. Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.