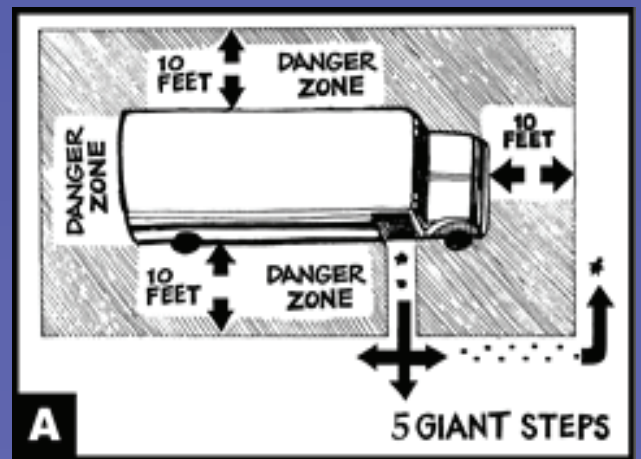


School Bus Safety



What you should know...

- School buses are nearly 8 times safer than cars, yet injuries still occur
- 3 times as many kids are killed getting on and off the bus than while riding the bus
- Children are often hit in the *danger zone*, the 10 foot area around the bus where it is difficult for the driver to see



See other side to learn more about school bus safety

School Bus Safety Tips To Teach Your Children:

Avoid the *danger zone*, the 10 foot area around the bus where it is difficult for the driver to see

- Wait for the driver to signal that it's safe to approach the bus
- When getting off the bus, look for passing cars before stepping out
- Take 5 *giant steps* away from the front of the bus, and wait for the drivers signal before crossing

The driver may not see children if they bend down to pick something up

- Use backpacks to keep loose items together
- Ask the driver for help if the you drop something near the bus
- Avoid clothing and backpacks with drawstrings or long straps that could get caught in the handrail or bus door

Safety Tips for Parents:

- Supervise children to make sure they get to the stop on time, wait far away from the street, and avoid rough play
- It is *illegal* for drivers to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing or when stop sign is out
- If you think your bus stop is not in a safe location, call school transportation to find out how to have it moved

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