



## **School Bus Safety Tips**

Riding a school bus can be fun but it can also be dangerous if you don't know or follow the school bus safety rules.

School buses are one of the safest forms of highway transportation. Each day school buses carry students to and from school and school-related events. In order for school buses to continue being safe, students need to learn the following school bus safety rules.

### **Safety rules to follow when waiting for the school bus:**

1. Always wait for the school bus at the school bus stop. Never wait for the school bus from inside your house. Always arrive at the school bus stop early so that you don't have to rush.
2. Always wait for the school bus on the sidewalk. Do not stand, run, or play in the street.
3. When the bus approaches, stand at least 2 giant steps away from the curb or the edge of the road.
4. Wait in a straight line away from the street.
5. Do not push or shove anyone while waiting for the bus.

### **Safety rules to follow when getting on the school bus:**

1. Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it is okay before stepping on the bus.
2. Stay in a straight line while getting on the school bus.
3. Do not push or shove anyone while getting on the bus.
4. Hold on to the handrail when getting on the school bus.

### **Safety rules to follow when riding the school bus:**

1. When riding the school remain in your seat.
2. Sit with your feet in front of your seat. Do not sit with your feet in the aisle. You could accidentally make someone fall.
3. Don't talk loudly or yell or scream. If you have to talk, do it softly.
4. Do not put hands, feet, or any other part of your body outside the school bus window.
5. Don't eat or drink while riding the school bus. You could choke or spill your food.

### **Safety rules to follow while getting off the school bus:**

1. The students in the front of the bus should get off first.
  2. When getting off the school bus, stay in a straight line.
  3. Always hold on to the handrail, while getting of the bus.
- E. Safety rules to follow when crossing the street.

1. When crossing the street, never walk behind the school bus. Always cross in front of the bus.
2. You should always walk 8 steps in front of the school bus and make sure that you can see the school bus driver and the driver can see you.
3. Walk to edge the school bus and stop, look both ways, and listen. Once you don't see or hear any cars coming then it is safe to cross the street.

### **The Emergency Door**

The emergency door is the door at the rear of the school bus. It is only used if there is an emergency. An emergency is something that can't wait that may cause someone to get hurt or even killed. An example of an emergency would be if the school bus was on fire. A fire on the school bus is something that can't wait. Students can exit the school bus using the emergency doors if the bus is on fire.

Another example of an emergency that makes it okay to use the emergency doors is if the school bus was in a serious accident. If you must use the emergency door to get away from the bus, try to remember to stay calm and move quickly and orderly as possible.

As indicated above it is very important to follow all safety rules while waiting to board a school bus. It is equally important to remember the proper behavior for boarding and riding a school bus as well as getting off the bus and crossing the street. Remembering these safety rules will help you have a safe and fun trip to school and home on the school bus!

