

## School bus safety tips

Riding a school bus is one of the safest ways for children to get to school.

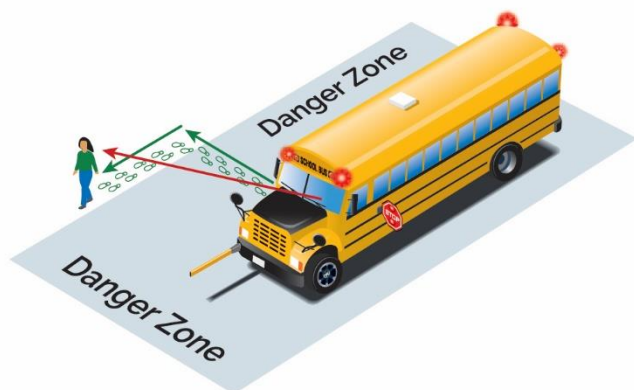
### Before boarding a bus

- arrive at the bus stop before the bus comes
- wait in a safe place away from the edge of the road
- wait for the bus to come to a complete stop with its overhead red lights flashing or its stop arm activated before approaching

### When riding

- find a seat right away and stay seated, facing forward at all times
- do not put anything in the aisle. Keep it clear.
- keep your arms and head inside the bus
- follow the bus driver's instructions and do not distract the driver

### When leaving



- don't push or shove — exit the bus in a single file
- always cross the road in front of the stopped bus, never behind
- look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before crossing in front of the bus
- stay out of the **danger zone** by being 10 giant steps away from the bus, where you and the bus driver can see each other
- walk — don't run — across the road
- if you drop something within the danger zone, ask an adult or the bus driver for help. Do not stop to pick it up.

**Reporting drivers who don't stop** \*\*\* You can report a vehicle that doesn't stop properly for a school bus by filing a local Road Watch Report or contacting your local police department. \*\*\*