Waiting for the school bus

When you are waiting for the school bus, you should wait at the bus stop, and stand well back from the curb.

When you get off the bus:

- Look to the rear of the bus before you step off the bottom step.
- Take five giant steps straight out the bus door, and out of the danger zone.
- Make sure you have eye contact with the driver, and wait for the driver to signal you before you cross in front of the bus.
- Never go back for anything you have left on the bus.
- Never bend down near or under the bus.

How to behave in the school bus

Your bus driver's number one interest is your safety. He or she will ask you to be on your best behavior.

- It is important to listen to your bus driver in case there are any special instructions for your bus ride.
- Sit quietly in your seat.
- Speak quietly to the other children near you.
- Do not jump up and down, fight or tease other passengers or make a lot of noise. These activities can bother your bus driver and he or she will not be able to give proper attention to driving.

These behaviors can bother any driver, including your family or a friend's family, and make it hard to drive safely.

Clothing can get caught

Jacket and sweatshirt drawstrings, backpack straps, scarves and loose clothing may get caught on the bus handrail or door. This is not only a danger while getting on or off the bus, but could happen any place on the bus.