

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK ~ OCTOBER 19-23, 2009

*According to the National Traffic Safety Administration,
a child's greatest risk is not riding a school bus, but getting to the bus and entering and leaving it.
Below are some safety tips to teach children how to be safe around school buses.*

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Have your children put everything they have to carry in a backpack or school bag so they won't drop things along the way.



Make sure your children leave home on time so they can walk to the bus stop and arrive before the bus is due. Running can be dangerous.

Go to the bus stop with a young child and have older children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers because groups are easier for bus drivers to see.

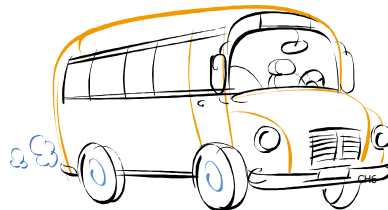
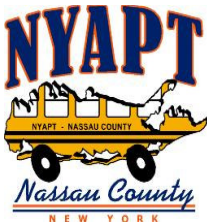


Make sure your children stand at least 10 feet (5 giant steps) from the road while waiting for the school bus. Have younger children practice taking 5 giant steps to become familiar with 10 feet.

Warn your children that if they drop something near the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions.



Teach your children to secure loose drawstrings, scarves, loose fitting or baggy clothing, and other objects that could get caught in a handrail or the door of the school bus as they are exiting.



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