



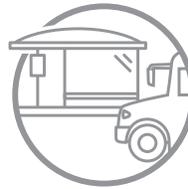
# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CHECKLIST

**A**ccording to the National Association of Pupil Transportation, school buses are the safest form of transportation to and from school. However, a bus stop on a busy morning can be a chaotic place. Here are a few basic guidelines parents can teach children to stay safe every school day.



## GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

- Ensure loose drawstrings, chains or other dangling objects are removed from clothing, coats, and bags.
- Make sure they leave home on time so they can walk to the bus stop and arrive before the bus is due, typically at least five minutes before. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.



## AT THE BUS STOP

- Wait in a location where the driver can see you as they drive down the street. Never wait in a house or car.
- Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is dangerous.



## WALKING TO THE BUS STOP

- Walk your young child to the bus stop or have children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior: Walk on the sidewalk, and if there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street.



## GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUS

- Warn children that if they drop something getting on and off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow their instructions.
- Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.
- If you meet your child after school, wait on the side where they'll exit — *not* across the street. They might be so excited to see you that they run across the street without looking both ways.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about school bus safety, visit [BetterOurBuses.com](http://BetterOurBuses.com).