



# The Bus is for Us!

## Safety Tips for Grades K - 3



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It can be fun taking the bus to school every day. And, all boys and girls can make every ride a **safe** and **happy** one by knowing the safety rules.

#### Getting Ready for the Bus

**Be on time for the bus.** Leave home on time. Get to your bus stop about five minutes before your pickup time, but don't go to your bus stop too early.

On your way, **cross the street only at the corner.** If there aren't any sidewalks, **walk on the side of the road facing cars.** Never run into the street or road. Always look left and right and left again to **make sure no cars are coming when you cross.**

#### Waiting for the Bus

When you are waiting for the bus **stay off the lawns.** Don't go into garages or climb trees. Don't litter. **Be quiet at the bus stop.** Many people may still be asleep when you are leaving for school.

**Stay out of the street.** Always wait for the bus in a safe place, away from the curb. Be sure that there is space between you and the passing cars. **Don't run around or push each other,** but stand quietly at the stop and wait for the bus to come.





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### Getting on the Bus

Line up **single file** in front of the bus door. **Don't push or shove.** Wait your turn.

**Always use the handrail.** This could save you from falling off the steps and into the street. Make sure you watch where you are stepping.

### Riding the Bus

Once you are on the bus, **sit down right away.** If you are standing in the aisle when the bus starts, you could lose your balance and fall, hurting yourself and others.

**Share your seat.** Never save a seat for a friend. Let anyone sit down next to you.

When you are traveling on the bus, **be quiet.** **Noisy children may distract the bus driver.** You may talk quietly with the people near you, but do not yell.

If your bus driver lets you open the windows only open halfway, and **do not throw anything out.** **Keep your head and arms inside.** Anything close to the road could easily hurt someone who is leaning out of the bus.

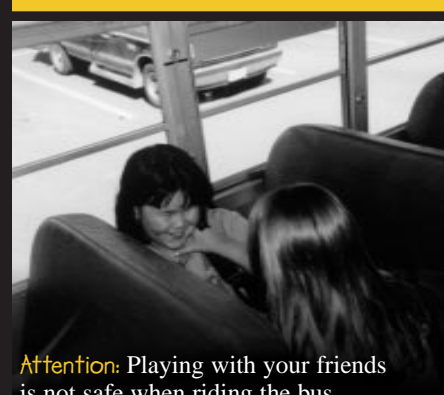
The bus driver knows the safety rules and is there to help you. **Always obey the bus driver.**

### Getting Off the Bus

**Don't push or shove while getting off.** When you stop at school, let your classmates in the front of you get off first.

A driver cannot see near the back tires on either side of the bus, right in front of the bus or close to the sides. **Move away from the bus where the driver can see you.**

If you must cross the street when you get off the bus, cross in front of the bus. **But wait for an "all clear" signal from the driver before you leave the curb.** Look both ways before crossing.



**Attention:** Playing with your friends is not safe when riding the bus.

