

Riding the school bus for the first time is a big step for your child. Help your kids get a gold star in school bus safety by following these tips.



Teach kids to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and board the bus one at a time.



Teach kids to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and not to walk behind the bus.



If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, he or she should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.

Drivers



Drivers should follow the speed limit and slowdown in school zones and near bus stops. Remember to stay alert and look for kids who may be trying to get to or from the school bus.



Slow down and stop if you're driving near a school bus that is flashing yellow or red lights. This means the bus is either preparing to stop (yellow) or already stopped (red), and children are getting on or off.

Learn more at www.safekids.org