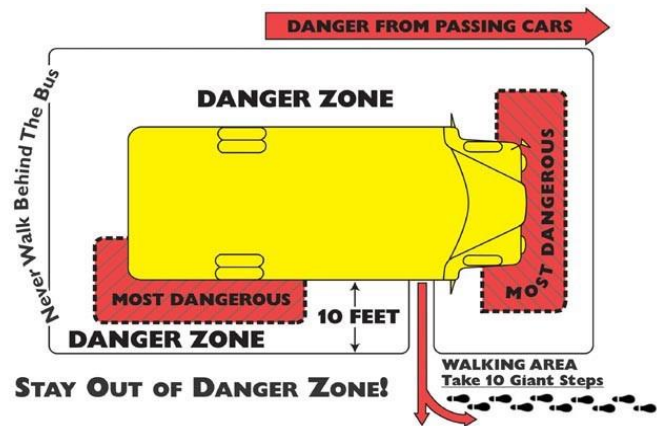


# School Bus Safety For Back to School



1. Make sure all drawstrings, ties, straps and scarves are removed or shortened.  
**Reason: They could catch in bus doors or railings.**
2. Use sidewalks when available and cross at corners and crosswalks. If no sidewalks are available, walk facing traffic as far from the road as possible.  
**Reason: Walk and cross where drivers expect to see pedestrians.**
3. Arrive at the bus stop early and wait for the bus in a safe place away from traffic. Remember no horseplay and respect others.  
**Reason: You could stumble into the road and be struck by a car.**
4. When boarding or exiting the bus, stay in a single file line and hold onto to the handrail.  
**Reason: Hold onto the handrail so that you don't fall.**
5. Stay out of the DANGER ZONE.  
**Reason: The Danger Zone is a 10-foot area around the bus where the bus driver can't see you.**
6. While riding the bus, stay seated and facing forward. Keep legs and feet in front of you.  
**Reason: Stay properly seated in case of a crash and so that you do not trip anyone.**
7. Never stick your arms or head out of the bus window.  
**Reason: Buses are wider than cars and come very close to trees and poles. You could be seriously injured.**
8. Listen to the bus driver. Be courteous to the driver and other students.  
**Reason: The bus driver's instructions are for your safety. Use quiet voices and good behavior so that you do not distract the driver.**
9. If you must cross the street, first walk 10 feet (10 giant footsteps) beyond the front of the bus and make sure that the driver can see you with a wave or a signal.  
**Reason: You should be able to see the bus driver's face and be sure that he sees you before you cross.**
10. Remember to always look left, right and left again before crossing and continue to scan the road for traffic while crossing the street.  
**Reason: Always expect a car, check left, right and left and keep checking. Cars might pass a school bus by mistake.**
11. Never run back to the bus even if you have dropped or forgotten something.  
**Reason: You must stay away from the bus and let the driver, or an adult know that you have dropped something. They can get it for you later.**
12. Know where emergency exits are located and review evacuation procedures.  
**Reason: In an emergency, you will know how to get off the bus safely.**



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