

# Safety on a Bus

- ★ 23 million kids in the United States ride the bus to school.
- ★ School buses are the safest way for kids to get to school.
- ★ In fact, it is eight times safer to get to school in a bus, than in a car or truck. However, you still have to be very careful when riding the school bus.<sup>1</sup>
- ★ The most dangerous part of riding the bus is getting on and off the bus. Learn some rules to help you:
  - Get to the bus stop early so you're not running when the bus arrives.
  - Stand three big steps away from the street & curb. Stay back until the bus has come to a complete STOP. Only start to get on the bus after the driver has opened the door.
  - If you have to cross the street to get on the bus, walk far in front of the bus so that you can see the driver's face (and the driver can see you). If you walk too close to the front of the bus, the driver can't see you.
  - Also, don't forget the rule: Look left, right, left before crossing any street!
  - If you drop something when getting on or off the bus, tell the driver. Don't try to pick it up, because when you bend down, the driver won't be able to see you anymore.
  - Always walk in front (never behind) the bus.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)