

Things Parents should know About School Bus Safety

- School buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the bus.
- The “Danger Zone” is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (ten feet in front and ten feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver’s blind spot and the area behind the bus).
- Half of all pedestrian fatalities in school bus-related crashes are children between 5 and 7 years old.
- Young children are most likely to be struck because they:
 - Hurry to get on and off the bus
 - Act before they think and have little experience with traffic
 - Assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross the street
 - Don’t always stay within the driver’s sight