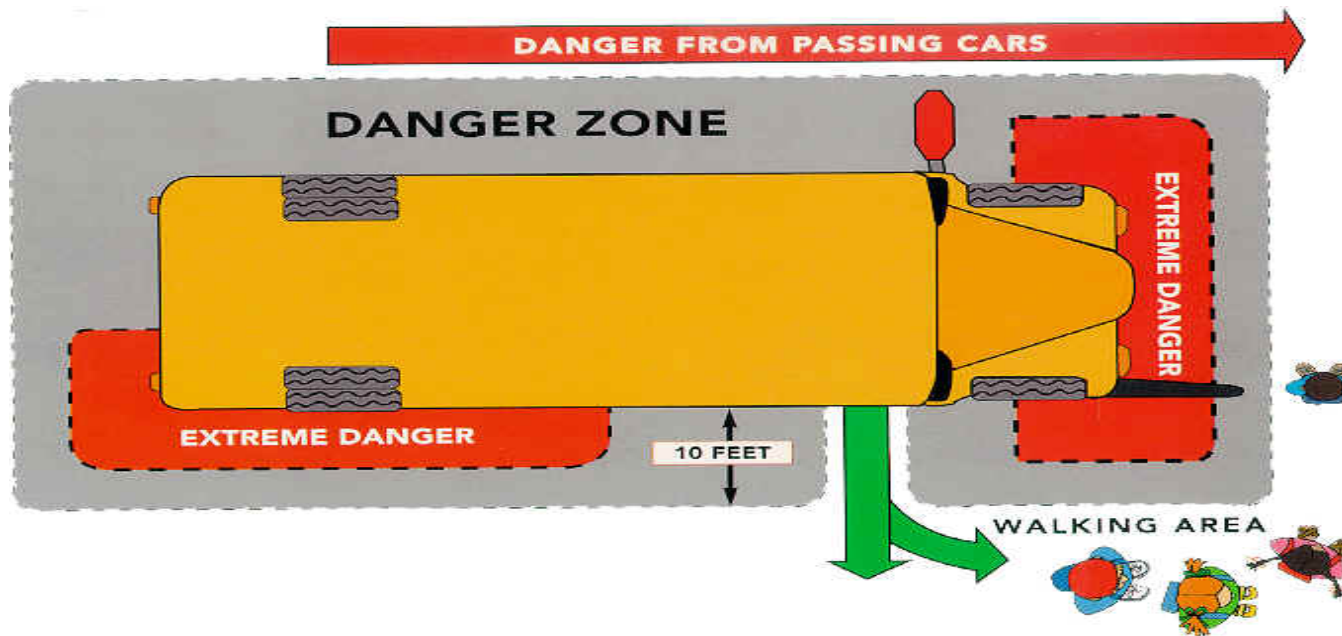


The Danger Zone is the 10-foot area around the bus. The bus driver can't see you when you are in the danger zone. If the bus starts moving while you are in the zone, you could get hit and/or dragged under the bus.



Bus Safety When Waiting For Bus

1. Be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early.
2. Wait on the sidewalk, **not** on the street or road.
3. Do not fool around or play while waiting for the bus.
4. Approach the bus in single file once it comes to a complete stop and you hear the air brake engage.
5. Use the handrail to get on the bus.

Bus Safety When Leaving the Bus

1. Get off the bus as soon as the driver says it is OK. Always use the handrail.
2. Quickly move away from the door and bus once you have unloaded. Walk at least 10 steps ahead from the bus.
3. Make sure you are at least 10 feet from the bus and that you see the driver's face.
4. Wait until the bus driver signals you to cross the street. Then, double-check both ways for traffic before crossing.



TIPS FOR SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



1. **Be on time** – Leave home early enough to avoid having to hurry.
2. **Stay out of the road** – Wait for the bus at the designated stop.
3. **Wait for the Bus to come to a full stop** – Listen for the airbrake sound, and then approach bus to load.
4. **If you must cross in front of bus** – Make sure you are at least 10 feet in front of the bus and you can see the bus drivers face. Wait until the Bus Driver signals you across. Then double check for traffic both ways yourself before crossing. **NEVER** walk behind the bus or close to the wheels or sides.
5. **If you drop anything go tell the bus driver – Never reach under or in front of the bus to get anything.**
6. **Leave the bus driver alone** – Don't talk to the bus driver unless it's an emergency. The driver needs to concentrate on driving the bus safely. It is OK to talk softly to the student sitting next to you.
7. **Keep the aisle clear** – Pack your belongings in a backpack or book bag. Keep on your lap. Keep arms and legs out of the aisle.
8. **Keep your hands inside the bus** – Never throw anything out the window. Don't lean against the window.
9. **Stay in your seat** – Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop. Listen for the sound of the airbrake. Then, get off promptly and courteously.