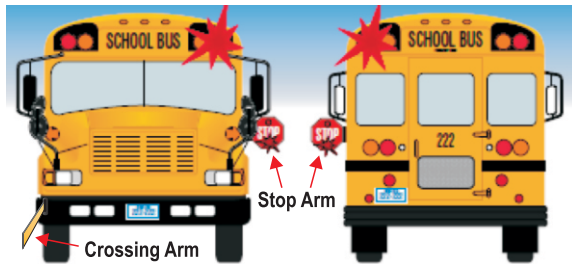


CROSSING THE STREET



- Buses are equipped with crossing arms which extend when the bus is stopped.
- Always cross the street in front of the bus.
- Keep eye contact with the bus driver and wait for the “all clear” signal.
- Check for traffic in both directions.

RED LIGHTS & STOP ARM



Remember that some motorists may not stop for a stopped school bus. In Newfoundland and Labrador, motorists travelling in both directions **in all traffic lanes** must stop when approaching a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. The penalty for passing a stopped school bus ranges from a fine to six demerit points.



Stop on **RED** Kids Ahead

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School Bus Safety Tips for *Everyone*



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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

NLSchools is committed to providing a safe and caring learning environment for all students.

Within NLSchools, there are over 1000 buses providing daily transportation for thousands of students. These buses travel an estimated 9.5 million kilometres per year.



This brochure offers safety tips for parents and students to ensure student safety and prevent any bus-related injuries to our children.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Parents are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children while travelling to and from the bus stop and while waiting at the bus stop prior to boarding the bus at the beginning of the day and upon exiting the bus at the end of the day.
- Parents should ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather and ensure their children are at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus.
- Parents of Kindergarten children must arrange for the student to be met at the bus stop after school by an adult. This requires meeting the student at the door of the bus so the driver can easily identify you. If an adult is not present at the door of the bus, the student must remain on the bus and returned to school at the end of the run to await arrival of parent or designate.
- Parents should discuss school bus riding safety tips with their children and explain that these rules are for the safety of everyone on the bus.

AT THE BUS STOP

- Be at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus.
- Do not run to or from the bus stop.
- Choose the safest route to and from the bus stop and keep well clear of the road while waiting for the bus.
- Be certain that the road is clear or traffic is stopped before crossing any road.
- Line up for the bus in single file with the first person no closer than six feet from the roadside. No crowding, pushing or horseplay while waiting at the bus stop.

ON THE BUS

- Follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
- Keep arms and head inside the windows.
- Stay seated and talk quietly while the bus is in motion. No loud talking or shouting.
- Be courteous and respectful of others. Do not use profanity or abusive language.
- Do not distract the bus driver by creating a disturbance or talking to the bus driver while the bus is in motion, except in an emergency.
- Do not write on or damage the seats. Parents may be held financially responsible for any damage to school buses caused by their child.
- Always ask the bus driver for permission to open or close windows.
- Keep books, backpacks and other belongings out of the aisle.
- Never throw objects inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Eating or drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Do not leave paper or trash on the bus. Please help keep the bus clean.

GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUS

- Board and exit the bus **ONLY** at your designated stop.
- Do not move toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop, the red lights are flashing and the door is opened by the bus driver.
- Hold onto the handrail to prevent slips or falls.
- Go directly to your seat and remain seated until you get to school or to your assigned bus stop.
- Remain in your seat until the bus has come to a complete stop.
- Move away from the bus as soon as you exit by taking 10 giant steps away from the bus.
- Keep away from the bus even if you drop or forget something. Never bend down near or under the bus.

DANGER AREA

The danger zone is the 10 foot area around the bus in every direction. The most dangerous areas of the bus are:

- The front of the bus.
- Right rear tire area.

NEVER CROSS BEHIND THE BUS!

Always stay where the bus driver can see you.

