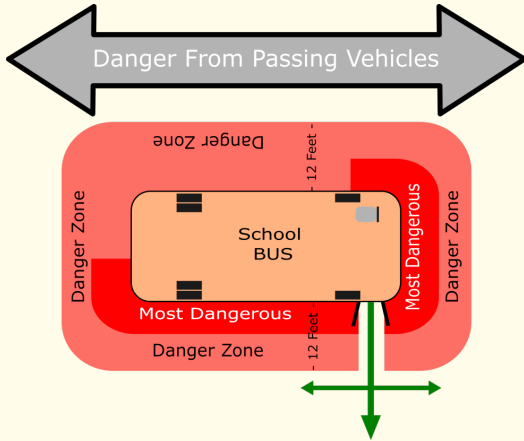
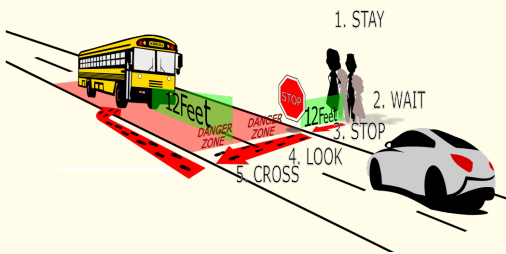


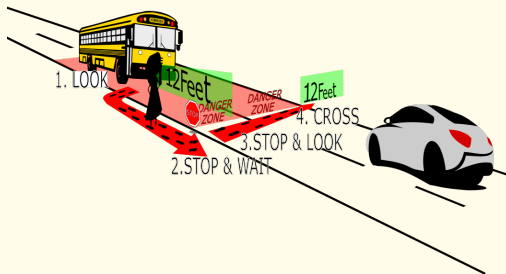
Follow safe roadway crossing procedures, when it's necessary to cross a roadway.



SAFE LOADING ACROSS THE ROAD



SAFE UNLOADING ACROSS THE ROAD



Thank you for your help
in keeping our
CHILDREN SAFE!

Watch the Driver!



STOP AND WAIT

Make eye contact with the bus driver.

The driver is checking traffic and the area to make sure it is safe to load or cross the road.



CHECK

Student's turn to check the traffic and wait for the driver to signal to load or cross the road.

If you see a vehicle moving towards the bus wait until it has **STOPPED.**

Make eye contact again with the bus driver.



CROSS

The driver has determined it is safe to load or cross.

If crossing right to left, stop in line with the left bumper of the bus and check traffic.

HORN MEANS DANGER

Children need to go back to the side of the road they started from, or to a safe location.

School Transportation Safety



Have a Safe and Respectful Ride

Our purpose is to keep children safe while going to and from school.

Basic School Bus Safety Expectations:

Bus drivers are responsible for the safe operation of their school bus. All bus passengers **MUST** follow the driver's instructions.

Remain seated, facing forward, in the "L" position (pockets on the seat, back against the back of the seat, and facing forward) until the bus is stopped at **YOUR** stop.

Treat others with courtesy, kindness, and respect.

Communicate quietly without using profanity or inappropriate gestures.

Keep head, hands, and objects to yourself and within the bus.

Safety. . . Starts with You!

The greatest risk for students is when approaching or leaving the bus; not while riding the bus. Before children go to school, it is essential that adults and children know the safety rules.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

As a parent and/or motorist, *you are an important part of a total safety program.* Students who are transported by a school bus, or when walking to or from school need to be kept safe.

As a parent, it is important to teach your children to be safe pedestrians when walking to and from school, or to and from their bus stop. Children need to know how to load and unload safely. We need to help our children have a safe and respectful ride on the bus.

As a motorist, you need to know and follow Utah school zone laws when the school bus is operating their amber or red loading lights. When we all do our part, we can keep our children safe.

PARENTS

SAFETY STARTS AT HOME

- Teach your children to follow the common sense practices illustrated in this brochure. Help us make school bus transportation safer.
- Practice safe bus procedures with your children.

TEACH SCHOOL CHILDREN:

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. **NEVER RUN AFTER A BUS.**
- Don't let your child play running games or push or shove at the bus stop. It's too dangerous! (Respect other's property and person.)
- When the bus approaches, stand at least six giant steps (12 feet) away from the curb, or edge of the roadway, and line up to load.
- When the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is opened, wait and make eye contact with the driver for the correct hand signal to load the bus.
- If you have to cross the road, wait at a safe location 12 feet from the edge of the road. Make eye contact with the driver, and follow the driver's hand signals (see back panel) to know when to cross the road **SAFELY** while checking traffic again.

- When **UNLOADING**, remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop. Unload and walk 6 giant steps (12 feet) straight out from the bus door (out of the danger zone). If crossing the road take 6 giant steps (12 feet) beyond the front of the bus. Make eye contact with the driver and follow their hand signals (see back panel) to cross the road **SAFELY**. Stop in line with the left front bumper of the bus, and check the traffic.
- Use the handrails when loading or unloading to avoid falls. When getting off the bus, be careful that loose clothing and book bags don't get caught in the handrails or door.
- Never walk behind the bus. (**VERY DANGEROUS**)
- If you drop something near the bus, **TELL THE BUS DRIVER.** Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.
- Written permission is *required* for a student to ride a bus to which they are not assigned or be delivered to a different approved bus stop other than their normal bus stop.
- School buses have assigned seating.
- When the bus is approaching a Railroad Crossing it is essential for the children to be quiet so the driver can hear.

MOTORIST

LEARN AND OBEY THE SCHOOL BUS LAWS:

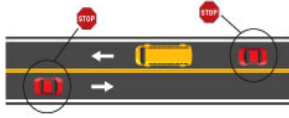
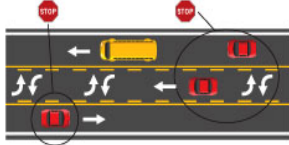
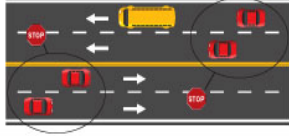
- Use extra caution in the morning and afternoon, **BE ALERT**, as many children are walking to or from schools or bus stops.
- AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS** indicate that the bus is preparing to stop in order to load or unload children. Know that it is a school zone and motorists are required to slow down and prepare to stop.
- RED FLASHING LIGHTS** and extended stop sign/s indicate that the bus has stopped, and children are getting on or off the bus. A motorist must stop prior to entering the school bus danger zone, leaving a safe distance for the students to cross safely. Wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign/s are withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before continuing.

SCHOOL BUS LAWS IN UTAH EFFECTIVE 5/12/2020

[41-6a-1302 (2)(b) failure to stop for the red flashing lights on a school bus. The fine is \$250 and 10 hrs. of compensatory service, and a Class C misdemeanor]:

- Utah law says whenever the over-head red loading lights are flashing a motorist **MUST STOP** for a school bus under the following circumstances when:
- Traveling on a two-lane roadway, traffic in both directions are required to stop.
- Traveling on a four-lane roadway, without a median, traffic in both directions are required to stop.
- Traveling on a divided highway having four or more lanes with a median separating the traffic or traveling on a highway having five or more lanes and having a shared center turn lane, it is only required for the vehicle in the lanes behind the school bus to come to a complete stop. **NOTE:** although you may not be required by law to stop when you see a stopped school bus; students are unpredictable. Use caution as you are driving near school buses and adjust your speed.

KEEP THE CHILDREN SAFE!

- Two-lane roadway:**
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

- Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:**
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

- Four-lane roadway without a median separation:**
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

- Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:**
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.
