SAFETY CHECKLIST

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY STARTS AT HOME, EVERYDAY

Important Note: You <u>must</u> accompany your Kindergartenaged child to and from the school bus each day in the morning, at noon and in the afternoon.

- Practice taking three (3) giant steps away from the bus as demonstrated in the video. Talk to your child regularly about school bus danger zones.
- Practice looking LEFT, RIGHT and LEFT again before crossing all intersections and driveways.
- □ Remind your child to never pick up anything near or under the bus without asking the driver.
- □ **Remove any drawstrings** that can be caught on the school bus.
- Never run towards or along a moving bus.
- Have your child arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to pick up time.
- Make sure your child can be easily seen. Dress your child in bright coloured clothing and attach reflective material to their backpack.
- Store everything in your child's backpack and ensure it is securely closed. Avoid backpacks with wheels and metal handles.

□ Review your danger zones.



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KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL BUS RIDER SAFETY PROGRAM



The Louis Riel School Division strives to provide safe, efficient and reliable transportation for students to and from school, in accordance with the Manitoba Public Schools Act, the Funding of Schools Program, the Manitoba Highway Traffic Act.

OVERVIEW

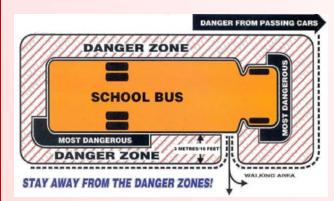
The School Bus Rider Safety Program is an education and awareness program, designed to promote school bus safety. The program is focused on young children who will be entering the school system in September and using school buses to go to and from school on a regular basis. It helps young children to overcome any fears that they may have about riding on the "Big Yellow Bus". The program provides information on school bus safety procedures.

PARENTS

We ask parents/guardians to please review danger zones, safety video and school bus safety rules with you child regularly.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GMVge 945UQ.

KNOW YOUR DANGER ZONES



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

ALWAYS LISTEN TO YOUR DRIVER!

Getting On the Bus:

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to pick up time.
- Students must stand three meters away from the street until the bus has come to a complete stop and the doors are opened.
- Students must line up in single file and board the bus in an orderly manner using the handrail, without crowding or pushing.
- Never run to or from the bus.

Riding On the Bus:

- Student must sit on the assigned seat, facing forward at all times to and from the school.
- Keep the aisle clear.
- Hold backpacks in your lap.
- Do not throw things on the bus.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus due to choking hazard and allergies.
- Talk quietly.

Getting Off the Bus:

• Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop.

- Riders in the front get off first.
- Hold the handrail.
- When arriving at your stop, walk away from the bus using 10 big steps.

Crossing the Street after Getting Off the Bus:

- Use 10 GIANT STEPS to take you out of the DANGER ZONE at the front of the bus.
- Be sure that you can see the driver and that the driver sees you.
- Watch for the Driver's signal that it is safe to cross.
- Stop when you reach the edge of the bus.
- Look both ways to be sure it is safe before you cross.
- If you drop anything in the DANGER ZONE, leave it. NEVER, NEVER STOP TO PICK IT UP.

TRAINING SESSION - AGENDA

- School Bus Safety Presentation.
- Be shown how to safely enter and exit a school bus.
- A short school bus ride.
- Learn how to ride bus safely.
- Participate in an emergency evacuation.