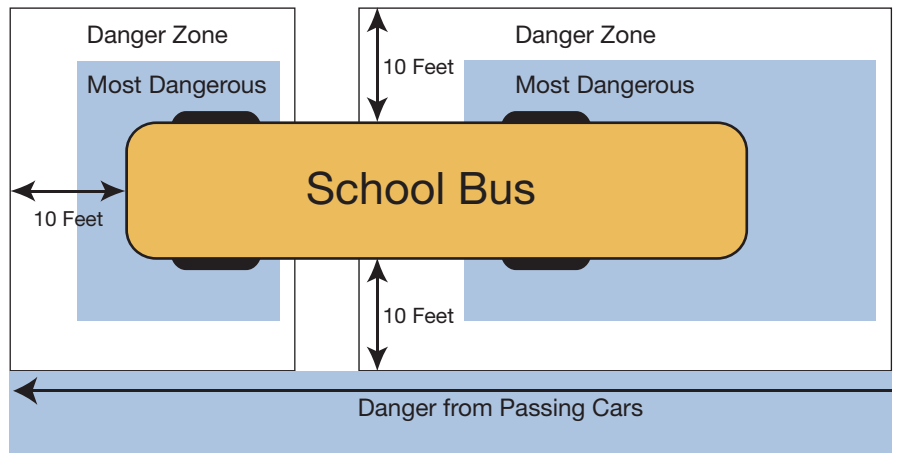




Stay Out of the Danger Zone!



“Stay out of the Danger Zone.” This is a very important rule for school bus safety. Always follow this rule.

What is the Danger Zone?

The Danger Zone is the area close to the bus in the front, sides, and back where the driver may not be able to see you. You should be able to see the driver, and the driver should see you, before you board the bus or cross in front of the bus. To make sure that the driver sees you, remain on the side of the street and take ten giant steps ahead of the bus. You should be able to see the driver and the driver should see you. If you can see the driver's eyes, that means the driver can see you.

When you are outside the bus, you must:

- Stay ten feet away from the bus (or as far away as you can).
- Never go behind the bus. Never crawl under, around or near a bus.
- Always make sure the driver sees you and gives you a signal before you board the bus or cross in front of it.

When you are outside the bus, you must:

- Make sure that the bus driver sees you. To make sure that the driver sees you, while standing on the side of the street, take ten giant steps ahead of the bus. You should be able to see the driver and the driver should see you. If you can see the driver's eyes, that means the driver can see you.

- Wait for the driver's signal. Do not cross until the bus driver signals that it is safe to cross. The driver will raise her or his hand. Once the driver lowers her or his hand, it is safe to start to cross.
- When you get to the middle of the street, stop and look both ways before going any farther. Then cross in front of the bus. If your driver honks the horn, STOP right away and return to the side of the street from which you started to cross.
- After you cross, go to the designated place of safety immediately.

If you drop something near the bus:

- Do not stop or bend over to pick it up.
- Never run back to the bus, even if you dropped or forgot something.
- First, take ten giant steps away from the bus and out of the Danger Zone.
- Make sure that the driver sees you.
- Ask the driver for help.
- Never stoop or crawl near, around, or under a bus, even if it is stopped. If you have lost something and it is near or under the bus, always ask the driver for help.

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