



# Bus Safety for primary age kids

Your primary age child may already be catching the bus on their own, and they probably think they know it all when it comes to getting to and from school!

But we all need a refresher about the important things in life from time to time, and bus safety is as important as it gets. Please read through these guidelines with children so they understand that they are responsible for their own and others' safety.

## Getting on safely

- The bus stop is not a place to run, push or play - bus drivers can't always see kids around the bus, particularly smaller ones.
- When the bus arrives, stand well back and wait until it comes to a complete stop and the door opens before approaching the door.

## On the bus

- The driver needs to concentrate on driving - don't be noisy or muck around.
- Remember nothing goes out of the window – no paper, litter, arms or heads.
- If the bus has seat belts they must be worn.

## Getting off safely

- There is no need to panic or push when getting off the bus. The driver will not open the doors until the bus has completely stopped.
- Playing around when getting off a bus is dangerous – it can cause accidents and injuries. Use the handrails when exiting to avoid falling.
- Once off the bus, step away quickly to make it easier for others to get off.

## Caution around the bus

- Never walk behind a bus.
- Never cross the road in front of a bus. It is best to wait until the bus has gone and then find a safe place to cross, such as a school crossing, zebra crossing or pedestrian traffic lights.
- If a ball or a book (etc) is dropped near a bus or on a road, do not ever stop and try to pick it up. Bus drivers may not be able to see or may not be able to stop in time.