



# OPERATION SAFE STOP

## Safe Walking for Kids:

Not every child rides a bus to school, some have to walk. When walking there are some things to know and remember. It can be dangerous, even with friends. It is important to pay attention to what is going on around you. Your parents will know when you are ready to journey on foot to school!

There are laws and rules to help keep you safe. If your parents allow you to walk along the side of the road, the most important thing is to **STAY** out of the road. This is easy when there are sidewalks. In places where there are no sidewalks, you should always walk facing traffic, on the shoulder of the road as far as possible from the lane where cars travel.

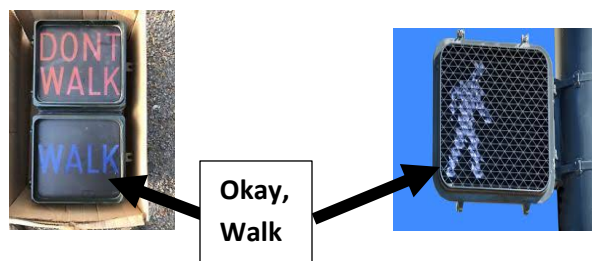
### What about crossing the street?

In some places there are signs, signals and roadway markings to help you cross safely

When you cross the street at a corner with a signal light, you should wait for the green light to show in the direction you will be walking.

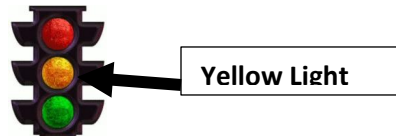


At busy intersections there may be lines on the road called a crosswalk for you to walk in. There may also be special signals to tell you when it is okay to cross the street. There is the **WALK** signal or a **picture of a person walking** like the ones shown below.

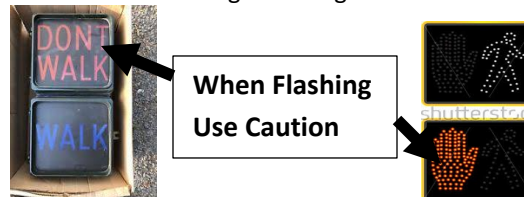


**Always** look both ways before you cross the street, by looking **left, right and left again** to make sure no cars are coming or turning into the crosswalk.

**Yellow lights and signs mean caution** or that you are coming to a dangerous area. If you are waiting to cross the street, you should not go when the light is **yellow**. The light is about to turn red, and cars will begin moving into the intersection.



Like a yellow traffic light, when these are **flashing DON'T WALK** signals it means for you to use caution, cars are about to begin moving into the intersection.



- If you are in the street, finish crossing.
- If you have not started crossing the street, stay on the curb or sidewalk.



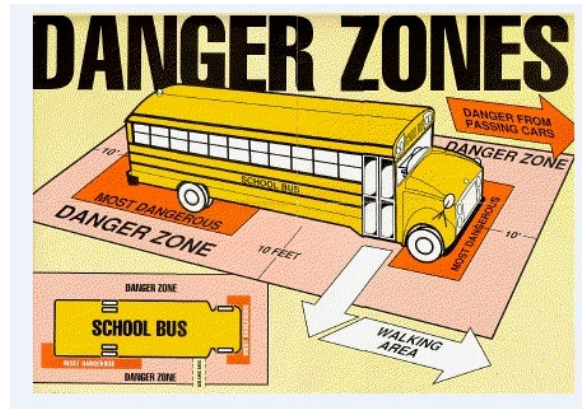
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This sign means you are near a crosswalk in a school zone.

- When school is opening in the morning and closing in the afternoon, the area around the school is very busy and crowded. There will be many children using the crosswalks.
- It is important to look carefully to **left, right and left again** if you have to cross the street.
- Vehicle operators, bikers and in-line skaters **must stop** to allow people in the crosswalk to cross the street.

## DANGER ZONES AROUND A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS



Students waiting for the school bus should wait at the bus stop standing well back from the curb.

### When you get off the bus

- Look to the rear of the bus before you step off the bottom step because more and more motorists are passing stopped school buses on the right side where the door is.
- Off the bus, take five giant steps straight away from the bus, out of the danger zone.
- If you must cross the road, make sure you have eye contact with your driver, and wait for your driver to signal you it is safe before you cross in front of the bus.
- **Never** go back for anything you have left on the bus or dropped.
- **Never** bend down near or under the bus.
- **Never** cross the street or road behind the bus.



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## Word Find

W	R	C	O	M	P	A	R	T	M	E	N	T	W	D	O
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A	S	I	I	Q	U	Y	R	M	M	A	G	T	R	N	W
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S	S	O	S	C	H	O	O	L	B	U	S	T	Z	Q	R

Find the listed words in the diagram.

They run in all directions, forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

SCHOOL BUS	STEP	ROUTE	SIGNAGE	SIGN
CHILDREN	ATTENDANT	SAFETY	MIRROR	WARNING LIGHT
DRIVER	SEAT	DANGER	COMPARTMENT	WHEELS
TEACHER	STOP ARM	ZONE	DOOR	CROSS
RESPECT	REDLIGHTS	YELLOW	STREET	WATCH



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## *Tips for Teaching Children Safe Bus Travel*

### Waiting for and boarding the bus:

- ♣ Arrive at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes early
- ♣ Stand at least 5 giant steps from the edge of the road
- ♣ Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver signals it is okay to approach and board the bus
  - When crossing from the opposite side, **DO NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE DRIVER SIGNALS IT IS SAFE**
- ♣ Use the handrail when going up the steps

### Getting off the bus:

- ♣ Stay in the seat until the bus has completely stopped and the driver says it is okay to leave
- ♣ Use the handrail (be careful drawstrings on clothing or straps on backpacks don't catch on the handrail or door) going down the steps and stop on the bottom step, look to the right for any vehicle passing the bus.
- ♣ Step off the bus and walk away from the bus 5 giant steps
  - **If you remember left something on the bus, dropped something near or under the bus, NEVER GO BACK TO GET IT without driver's permission!**
  - **Look to see if the driver is watching and sees you, only go back when the driver tells you it is okay. (NEVER GO UNDER ANY PART OF THE BUS TO GET SOMETHING.)**
  - **If you must cross the street or road, always walk out in front of the bus until you can see the driver and the driver sees you. Wait for the driver's signal it is safe to cross.**
    - **Move to the edge of the bus in the middle of the road, stop and look both ways, and then again at the driver for the "safe to go" signal.**
  - **NEVER ATTEMPT TO CROSS BEHIND THE BUS!**

### During the school bus ride:

- ♣ Stay in your seat facing forward
- ♣ Speak in a low, inside voice
- ♣ Follow the driver's directions
- ♣ Don't change seats while the bus is moving, when stopped only move when the driver gives permission
- ♣ Do not throw anything inside the bus, or out the window
- ♣ Be respectful toward others

