



For more information on highway safety, check out these web sites.

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety
www.aafts.org

Buckle Up Florida
www.buckleupflorida.com

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
www.hwysafety.org

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Remember, safety is our #1 concern. Make sure you follow all the rules and stay **SAFE!**



For more information contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Community Relations Section, Traffic Safety Awareness Team at 813-247-8115 or visit our web site at www.hcso.tampa.fl.us

School Bus Safety



SAFETY TIPS

When you get off, take 5 giant steps away from the bus, out of the danger zone.

Cross in front of the bus, and make sure you maintain eye contact with the driver.

Never go back for anything and never bend down.

Be sure to get to the bus stop in plenty of time, 5 minutes before the bus comes.

Try to leave on time you won't have to run and risk tripping or falling.



Make sure the bus is stopped before you try to get on. A school bus weighs approximately 6 tons and would hurt if you got caught under the wheels.

When the bus stops and the door opens, take a firm hold on the handrail and get onto the bus. Be careful because it's a big step for a little person!

Never push while getting on or off the bus.

When you get on the bus, go right to your seat and sit quietly. If the driver has to keep asking kids to sit down and be quiet, he or she cannot concentrate on driving the bus safely.

Obey the driver as you would your parents. Your bus driver is just as concerned with your safety as they are.

Make sure that the aisle is clear on the bus. Make sure that all your things are securely zipped up in something like a backpack, and kept on your lap during the bus ride.

Be sure to keep all parts of your body inside the bus at all times. No waving or sticking your head outside the windows. This could be very dangerous.

Behave yourself at the bus stop. You won't be completely safe from traffic unless you stand back from the curb. Don't push or wrestle with your friends. Stay put and line up when the bus comes.

Be sure to listen to any adults who might be supervising at the bus stop.

The bus driver should be able to see you at all times when you get on and off the bus.

Make sure if you have to cross in front of the bus you cross in front of the crossing gate. About ten steps is a good estimation.

If you stay on the side of the street you get out on, be sure to get well away from the bus.

The driver has a good view of the road. Watch the driver to see when to cross the road. If you have a safety patrol, follow their directions.

You are much more important to adults than a jacket or a school book. Never, ever run behind or in front of the bus to pick up anything that you might have dropped or forgot. Wait for the bus to leave and then pick it up.

We call the area around the school bus the Danger Zone. You should always try to stay out of these areas!

Be sure to go home right after getting off the bus unless you have permission from your parents to do otherwise.

It's great having an adult meet you at the bus stop if possible so you won't have to cross any busy streets unsupervised.

It's OK to tell your bus driver or parents if someone is bothering you at the bus stop. The only way that we can help is if we know that something is wrong.

