

Safety Fact Sheet



The Utah Safety Council cares about your safety outside of the work setting. We offer resources that keep you and your loved ones safe at home, at play and on the go.

RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS SAFELY

Bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, in 2013, approximately 131 people were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.

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Helpful Safety Tips:

- Always walk on the sidewalk to the bus stop; never run. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left facing traffic.
- Go to the bus stop about five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- While at the bus stop, wait quietly in a safe place well away from the road. Do not run and play while waiting.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk five-ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!
- Parents do not hand homework, lunch bags or other things through bus windows. To stay out of that danger zone, approach the door and talk to the driver.

Bus Danger Zones

Stay 10 feet away from the bus on all sides, to avoid being in a blind spot which is called the danger zone. Don't get near it; the bus driver can't see you!

