

# Protecting Our *Children*

## Parents, Teach Your Children About School Bus Safety

(NAPSA)—Parents, children and motorists should be aware of proper school bus safety protocols to make sure the children riding on school buses have a happy and safe school year.

Here are some safety rules children should follow:

### School Bus Safety Tips

- Leave home early. When you rush, you tend to forget traffic safety rules.

- Walk on the sidewalks whenever available.

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from the street. And don't play around because you will be distracted and may not follow traffic safety rules.

- Have no drawstrings, toggles or key chains on clothes or backpacks. These can get caught on bus handrails and doors.

- Grab the handrail so you don't trip on the stairs.

- Find a seat and sit down immediately.

- You can talk quietly to your friends and laugh but don't scream—it distracts the driver.

- Don't put your head, arms, papers or anything out the window.

- Wait for the bus to stop completely before you stand up.



**School is back in session and everyone needs to be aware of school bus safety.**

- Take 10 giant steps away from the bus when you get off.

- If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up. If you stoop down to pick something up, the driver may not see you. Instead, ask the driver for help.

- If you have to cross the street, wait until the driver signals to you that it is OK.

- Stay away from the bus wheels at all times—especially the back wheels, where it's hard for the driver to see you.

For more information about school bus safety, visit the experts at Laidlaw Education Services, North America's largest provider of student transportation, at [www.laidlawschoolbus.com](http://www.laidlawschoolbus.com).