

Be Bus Aware

Bus Safety Week

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Each year millions of children catch a bus to school for all or part of their journey.

Parents and carers - always hold your child's hand <click to remove>

Adults have an important part to play in keeping children safe around roads. School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand around traffic. Remember:

- Always meet your child **at** school or the bus stop. **Never** wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across
- Until they are at least 10 years old, always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road
- Remind your children to always wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

Drivers <click to remove>

Drivers should:

- Look out for children on footpaths or crossing the street, especially around schools, buses and bus stops
- Leave plenty of space when you're driving or stopped around buses, to keep children safe and improve bus drivers' vision of the road environment
- Slow down to 40km/h when lights flash on the front and back of buses. These warn motorists that the bus is picking up or dropping off kids. You should always slow down when buses stop as children can be nearby, even when lights aren't flashing
- Give way to buses pulling out from bus stops and avoid merging too closely in front of buses.

Passengers <click to remove>

Remind your child bus passenger to:

- Press the button well before your stop to give the driver plenty time to stop safely
 - Wait until the bus has stopped before you get out of your seat
 - Take care stepping on and off the bus
 - If standing, hold on and keep alert.
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