

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION

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SAFETY TIPS YOU CAN USE

Statistics indicate that the most critical moment for student safety, while riding a school bus, is actually when students are getting on or off of their school bus. Therefore it is important that Parents and guardians understand that they are ultimately responsible for the safe conveyance of their children to and from their bus stop location each day. There is simply no substitute for an adult's supervision at a bus stop. Here are some important School Bus safety tips for parents and children. Please share this information with parents and students as it may one day save a child's life.

- ❖ Get to the bus stop in plenty of time so you don't have to run
- ❖ Wait for your bus in a place that's away from traffic in the road
- ❖ Bus stops are not appropriate places to push or wrestle with your friends
- ❖ Let the bus stop before you try to get on
- ❖ If you can touch the bus, you're too close
- ❖ Remember if you can't see the bus driver, then the bus driver can't see you
- ❖ The driver will let you know when it's safe to approach the bus
- ❖ Take the steps one at a time, holding onto the handrail
- ❖ Go right to a seat, and sit quietly, without blocking the aisle
- ❖ Listen to your bus driver, and obey any requests
- ❖ Leave the bus in single file, holding the handrail
- ❖ Walk away from the bus without running, and never go behind it
- ❖ If you have to cross the street to leave or board your bus, you need to be 10 giant steps away from the front of the bus. Watch for overhead red lights to flash, and wait for your driver's signal before crossing
- ❖ If you ever drop something underneath the bus or in its path, leave it there! Never, never stop to pick it up.
- ❖ For more information on School Bus Safety please visit the STOPR web Site at: www.stopr.ca