SCHOOL SAFETY
PLAINLY

FOR STAFF & PARENTS

BUS STOP SAFETY: THE TEN-FOOT RULE

Most school bus injuries happen outside the bus, not on it.

EVERY MORNING

AT THE STOP

- **Arrive a few minutes early.** Running for the bus is when kids get careless.
- **Wait ten feet back from the curb,** out of the driver's blind spots.
- **Wait for the bus to stop** and the door to open before stepping up.

IN FRONT OF THE BUS

CROSSING

- **Walk ten feet ahead of the bus** so the driver can see you.
- **Make eye contact with the driver** and wait for the signal before crossing.
- **Never go back for a dropped item** without telling the driver first.

THAT'S YOU TOO

DRIVERS

- **Stop for red flashing lights and a stop arm.** Every U.S. state requires it.
- **Divided highways vary.** Check your state's driver handbook.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), School Bus Safety.

In an emergency, call 911 first.

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