

Bus safety



Just because you're used to it doesn't mean you're safe

You probably take the bus to school and back all the time, maybe even every day. In fact, you're probably so used to it, you do it without paying much attention.

But **not paying attention** could cost you your life. It only takes a moment's lapse of concentration to cause death or serious injury.

So always expect the unexpected and **NEVER** take risks going to and from the bus or crossing roads nearby.

Just because you're not a little kid anymore doesn't mean you shouldn't use The Green Cross Code

You may think it's not important to use The Green Cross Code but you're kidding yourself that you're safe if you don't.

The Green Cross Code is a lifesaver for every road user – young and old.

Remember - even if you are late for the bus you should **NEVER** take risks when crossing the road.

ALWAYS Stop, Look and Listen before crossing the road

Just because your friends are chatting doesn't mean it's safe for you

Do you ever listen to music or use your mobile phone while out walking? If you are reading a text, talking on a mobile phone or listening to music then you cannot look and listen for traffic. **NEVER** use a mobile phone or listen to music while walking, especially when you are crossing the road.

No text or call is more important than your life



At the bus stop

- Stand well back from the kerb particularly as the bus pulls into the bus stop.
- **DON'T** mess around with your friends.
- If you're listening to music or using your phone while you wait for the bus, **STOP** using it as the bus approaches.



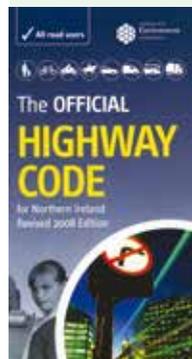
On the bus

- Find a seat and fasten your seatbelt if one is fitted. Wear your seatbelt for the whole journey and only remove it when leaving the bus.
- Place your school bag safely out of the way of other passengers.
- **NEVER** distract the driver.

Getting off the bus

- If you have to cross the road, use a nearby crossing or find a safe place to cross.
- **NEVER** push or rush as this can cause injuries.
 - **NEVER** cross in front or behind the bus as drivers of other vehicles may not see you.
 - Wait at the verge or footpath until the bus has moved away and you can see clearly both ways.
 - **STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN** before walking straight across the road, paying attention while you cross.

Remember – most school bus related collisions happen to pupils before they get to or after they leave the bus



Just because you take the bus to school doesn't mean you're not at risk

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