

Safety around buses

Advice for parents

Until they are at least ten years old, children have not developed the maturity required to cross the road safely without holding an adult's hand.

- Hold your child's hand and walk together to the bus stop in the morning. If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.
- Meet your child **at** the bus stop after school. **Never** wait on the opposite side of the road.
- Talk with your child about what they should do if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual.
- Discuss what they should do if they accidentally get on the wrong bus or miss their regular bus stop.
- When driving past standing buses near schools always be on the lookout for children. Always observe the 40km/h school speed zone limit.



Advice for children

- When getting off the bus, wait on the footpath until the bus has been driven away. Then together choose the safest place to cross the road, remember the 'Stop ! Look! Listen! Think!' routine as you cross.
 - While waiting at the bus stop, stand as far away from the passing traffic as possible. Never wait right at the kerb.
- Discuss with your parents what you should do if you accidentally get on the wrong bus or miss your regular bus stop.