

Taking the bus

Help your child to:

- Stand well back from the road when waiting for the bus.
- Wait for the bus to stop before getting on or off.
- Walk on in single file, letting smaller children go first.
- Listen to what the driver or bus monitor says.
- Carry their bag in front of them so it doesn't get caught in the door.
- Stay seated and put their bag under the seat or on their knees where no one will trip on it.
- Get off the bus through the front door, and stand well clear as the bus turns or reverses and until the bus goes.
- Wait until the bus has gone before they cross the road so they can see clearly up and down the road. Always use the kerb drill to cross.



What else can I do to help my child be safer around buses?

- When picking up or dropping off children at the bus stop, wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Talk to children about why it's important to be quiet on the bus, and to listen to the driver and bus monitor.
- Dress your child in bright clothing so they can be easily seen.
- Teach your child the safest route to the bus stop. You can walk with them or drive there so they don't have to cross roads alone.
- Have a Plan B in case you are running late.
- Slow down to 20km/h when driving past a stationary school bus.

For more information

For general enquiries, or more information about road and rail safety for children, please email info@nzta.govt.nz or visit education.nzta.govt.nz.