



Dear family

Did you know that children are at most risk when getting on and off a bus, especially getting off a school bus in the afternoon? This is when many children try to cross the road from either the front or rear of the bus, prior to its departure, which increases their risk of being hit by a passing vehicle.

The risks can change depending on where children live.

In rural areas, children getting off the bus may need to cross roads where the speed of traffic is generally faster. This means they have less time to cross the road. The location and visibility of bus stops can also be an issue.

In urban areas, children are faced with larger amounts of traffic and the number of children getting on and off buses.

Children living in rural areas need to learn to cope with both rural and city traffic environments to reduce their risk of injury.

Talk about and practise the following things next time you are supervising your child to and from their stop.

- What to do if they get off at the wrong stop.
- Waiting until the bus has gone to get a clear view of the road.
- Using the systematic search strategy (stop, look, listen, think before crossing) to cross the road with an adult.

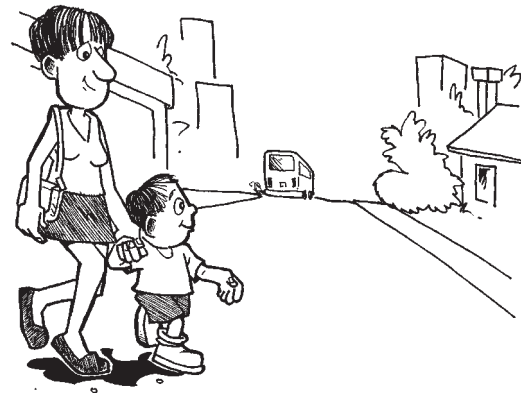
At home activity

Take your child/ren on a bus ride and talk about safety rules for passengers. Practise getting on and off the bus, and then using the systematic search strategy (stop, look, listen and think) before crossing the road.

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.

Yours sincerely

Classroom Teacher



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