

# BE BUS AWARE

## Bus Safety Week



### Parents and carers - always hold your child's hand

Adults have an important part to play in keeping children safe around roads. School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand around traffic. Remember:

- Always meet your child AT school or the bus stop. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across
- Until they are at least 10 years old, always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road
- Remind your children to always wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

### Drivers

Buses can't stop quickly and drivers should:

- Look out for children on footpaths or crossing the street, especially around schools, buses and bus stops
- Leave plenty of space when you're driving or stopped around buses, to keep children safe and improve bus drivers' vision of the road environment
- Remember that lights flash on the front and back of buses to warn motorists that they're picking up or dropping off kids. But whether bus lights are flashing or not, it's best to slow down because when buses stop, children can be nearby
- Also remember to give way to buses pulling out from bus stops and to not merge too closely in front of buses.

### Passengers

Remind your child bus passenger to:

- Press the button well before your stop to give the driver plenty of time to stop safely
- Wait until the bus has stopped before you get out of your seat
- Take care stepping on and off the bus
- If standing, hold on and keep alert.