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# Bus safety for school students

How families can help



## Getting to and from the bus stop

- Families are responsible for getting their child to and from the bus stop safely.
- Always supervise your child until they are at least 10 and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road.
- When waiting for the bus, hold hands and wait as far back from the passing traffic as possible.

## On the bus

Remind your children to get on the bus and take a seat quickly and buckle up if there's a seatbelt on the bus.



## Getting off the bus

When travelling by bus, your child is most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus.

Meet your child **AT** the bus stop or interchange after school. **NEVER** wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across. If you cannot meet your child, organise for a trusted adult to take your place.

**Always wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross.**

Talk with your child about what to do:

- if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual
- if they catch the wrong bus
- if they get off the bus at the wrong bus stop.



## Crossing the road

Together, choose the safest place to cross the road and talk about:

**STOP!** one step back from the kerb

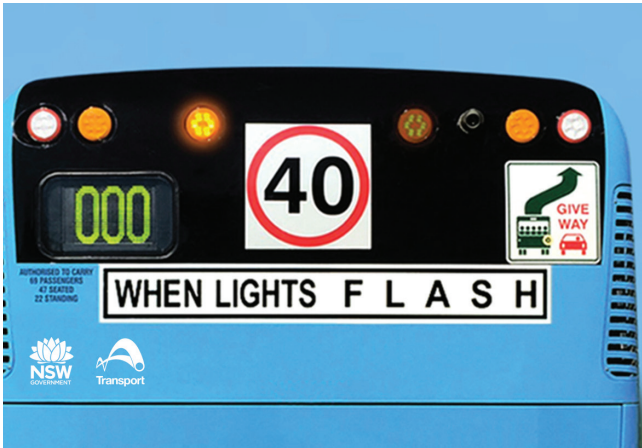
**LOOK!** continuously both ways

**LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic

**THINK!** whether it is safe to cross

Keep checking as you cross the road.





## Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash

Bus lights flash on the front and back of a bus when the bus is picking up or setting down school children.

Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash, unless a lower speed applies. The speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.







## Informal school bus stops

Informal bus stops are not sign posted and are usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property or on the side of the road.

Drivers may find it difficult to see children at informal bus stops. Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash, look out for children crossing the road, and be aware that a stationary bus can impede the view of children around buses.

Parents and carers also play an important role in ensuring the safety of students around informal bus stops. If your child needs to use an informal bus stop, think about whether it's located in a safe spot that allows buses to stop away from the road, with good lines of sight in both directions, and includes a safe place for you to park your vehicle and wait. You can talk to your local bus operator or find more information at [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/informal-school-bus-stops.html](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/informal-school-bus-stops.html)

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