



THE PARENT'S GUIDE TO BUS STOP SAFETY

HUNTER'S STORY

Schultz & Myers Law Firm recently obtained over \$11,000,000 for the parents of a six-year-old boy named Hunter Pitt, who was killed by his school bus on his way home from school. Soon after getting off the bus, Hunter dropped something and bent down to pick it up. His driver didn't see him, and moved the bus forward. Hunter died at the scene.

Our founding partners, Stephen Schultz and Josh Myers were deeply affected by the case even after it ended. As parents themselves, they felt more could have been done to protect this little boy. Since the case came to a close, the attorneys have donated personal time and money to try to reduce these tragedies from occurring in the first place through bus safety education.

It is a firm belief at Schultz & Myers that school districts, bus drivers, parents, teachers, and even kids should be educated on bus safety hazards, and work together to prevent them.

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

- Make sure all of your child's belongings are in their backpack. One of the most common causes of pedestrian/bus accidents happens when a kid reaches down to pick up a dropped item.
- Make sure your child arrives at the bus stop 5 minutes early. This way, they are not tempted to run to the stop, or after the bus.

WALKING TO THE BUS STOP

- If your child has to cross the street to get to their bus stop, stop and look LEFT, RIGHT, and LEFT again before crossing. Do this at every driveway or alley that you have to cross, so that it becomes a habit. Exaggerate your head turns and narrate your actions so that your child makes a habit of looking left, right, and left.
- If no sidewalks are available, walk in a single file line, in the opposite direction of traffic.

WAITING AT THE BUS STOP

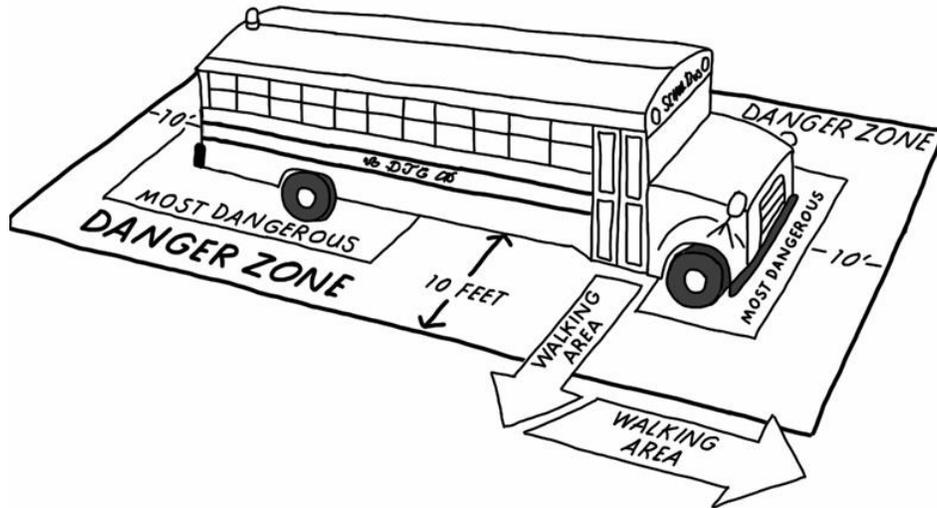
- Make sure your child stands at least 10 feet (5 giant steps) from the road while waiting for the bus. The child will then be out of the way of traffic. Have younger children practice taking 5 giant steps to become familiar with 10 feet.

WAITING FOR THE BUS IN YOUR CAR

- Parents should never park their car in the way of the bus.
- Students should not wait until the last minute to get out of the car. Kids should be at the stop, ready to board before the bus arrives.

GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUS

- ALWAYS cross in front of the bus, NEVER behind. Make sure that you are five GIANT steps (10 feet) in front of the bus when crossing.
- Teach your kids about the DANGER ZONE, the driver's blind spots, and anywhere behind the bus



- When crossing in front of the bus, you should be able to maintain eye contact with the driver: if your child can't see them, they can't see your child.
- Warn children that if they drop something, they should NEVER pick it up. That goes for boarding and for drop-off. Instead, they should ask the driver for permission.
- If you wait for your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side of the road that the child will be dropped off. They might forget the safety rules if they're excited to see you, and dash across the street.

ANSWERS TO THE KIDS SAFETY PACKET CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Down: 1. DangerZone | 2. Driver | 3. Backpack | 4. Ten | 5. Window | 8. Street

Across: 6. EmergencyExits | 9. Look | 10. Never

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