

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **School Bus Safety A Community Responsibility**

As students return to school after the Christmas break, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District would like to remind them, as well as parents and guardians and the general public, to practice simple, yet effective bus safety procedures. Information for students and families, including a bus safety video and bus safety brochure, can be found on our District website: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/index.jsp>

Students are reminded to dress appropriately for waiting at the bus stop and to be at their stop at least five minutes prior to scheduled pickup time. As well, students are encouraged to wear reflective clothing and never enter the “Danger Zones” located exterior to the bus. The defined “Danger Zone” is illustrated in the online Bus Safety Tips brochure and accompanies this news release. All students must abide by the rules outlined on the Student Expectations poster located in every bus, which is also available for families to review online at the above noted website.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to review the online safety material with their children to ensure familiarity with bus safety. Parents and guardians are also encouraged to ensure their children are appropriately supervised at pickup and dropoff times. Kindergarten students must have an approved adult waiting to pick them up in the afternoon and that individual must be at the bus door to receive the student. If no adult is present at the bus door to receive a Kindergarten child they will be brought back to school by the bus driver.

Members of the public are asked to use caution on the roads during the busy morning and afternoon commutes as students are moving throughout our roadways and sidewalks, and sometimes may not be exercising required caution. Please reduce speeds in school zones and abide speed limits. As per provincial law, drivers in all directions must stop when a bus is stopped to pick up children and its red lights and stop sign are engaged. Members of the public are strongly encouraged to report violations of this law to police. Drivers are also reminded to allow safe crossing of students at crosswalks.

“The transportation of students to and from schools is a sizable and complex operation, one that the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District takes extremely seriously,” said Goronwy Price, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “Every member of the community has a responsibility for student safety when a bus is on a roadway and we ask that parents and guardians and the members of public do their part to keep our students safe. The practice of appropriate bus safety by students and parents and guardians, as well as adherence to school bus laws, crosswalks, and speed limits by all drivers, will ensure the safe arrival of students to both school and home.”

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Each day there are approximately 750 buses completing roughly 1,200 routes and carrying 45,000 students of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District who use over 10,000 bus stop locations.

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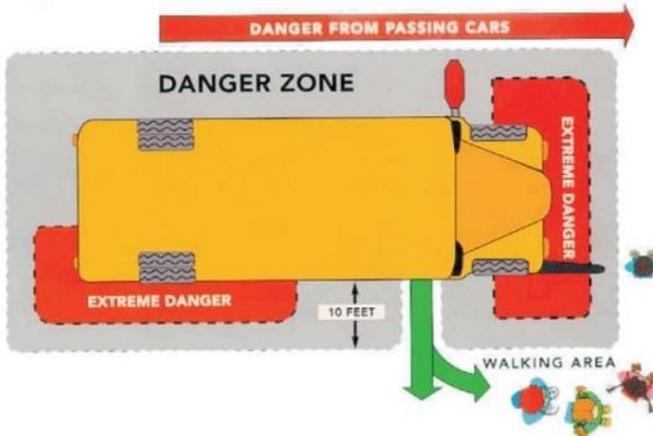
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### NEVER CROSS BEHIND THE BUS!

Always stay where the bus driver can see you.



### DANGER AREA

The danger zone is the 10 foot area around the bus in every direction. The most dangerous areas of the bus are:

- The front of the bus.
- Right rear tire area.