



Traffic Safety
in Alberta

On Board with School Bus Safety

For over 300,000 of Alberta's students, the school day begins and ends with a ride on a school bus. In fact, daily routes to and from school total more than 400,000 kilometres throughout Alberta – almost 10 times around the earth!

Transport Canada reports that school bus travel remains the safest mode of transportation to and from school – safer than walking, cycling or the family car. However, children are at an increased risk when getting on or off the bus.

Here are some important rules for children when boarding or unloading the bus:

- Never run to or from the bus.
- Wait at the designated stop, well back from the road.
- Remember the “danger zone” – if you can touch the bus you are too close.
- Use the handrail when getting on or off the bus.
- If something drops near the bus, do not pick it up. Tell the driver or an adult.

For the safety of young people, it is important for teachers and caregivers to teach children road safety rules. As well, motorists must use extra caution around buses and in school zones.

For more information on Alberta Transportation's child traffic safety programs, please visit our website www.saferoads.com or contact us at 780/422-8839. (For toll free service outside of Edmonton, dial 310-0000.)



**Good drivers are considerate of all road users.
Keep kids safe – be alert around kid zones.**