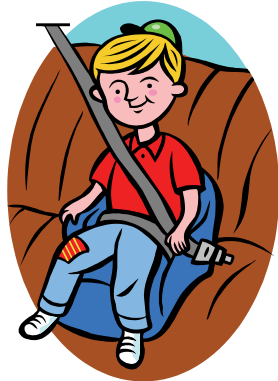


Safety in Passenger Vehicles

Under 8? Are You Safe?

According to Missouri law, your child **must** be in a booster seat if they are ages **4-7 years old**, less than **80 pounds** or shorter than **4'9" tall**.



Missouri's Booster Seat Law

(RSMo 307.178 & 307.182)

- Missouri's booster seat law, requires children who have outgrown a child safety seat to be secured in a booster seat while traveling in a motor vehicle.
- The fine for violating this law is **\$50 plus court costs**, which far exceeds the cost of many booster seats.
- Children 8 and over or weighing **at least 80 pounds** or **at least 4'9" tall** are required to be secured by a **safety belt** or buckled into an **appropriate booster seat**.

Car seat – too small.
Safety belt – too big.
Booster seat – just right.

Once upon a time, there was a child who was too big for a car seat, but too small for an adult safety belt. He was over 4 years old, but under 4'9" tall. In the car, his mommy put him in a booster seat and he lived happily ever after.



4 STEPS FOR KIDS



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Tips for Getting Safely to School



Learn tips on how to be safe regardless of how you get to school

Walk

Take the bus

Ride in a car



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Help create a safer community.

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Have a safe school year!

Strengthening families

Supporting neighborhoods

Creating stronger communities

Get involved with Caring Communities at your school — supported by the Local Investment Commission, your school district and our many community partners.

Be safe whether you walk, take the bus or ride in a car.

Don't let them walk alone!

Our school children will be walking to school this fall and need all of us to help them be safe. You can help!

- ✓ **Pre-plan** a safe walking route. Walk that route several times with your child to ensure their safety and familiarity.
- ✓ **Locate** other neighborhood children walking to the same school at the same time. There is safety in numbers.
- ✓ **Make sure** that your block is a safe area for children walking to school. Check for unsafe sidewalks, dangerous trees, tall grass and weeds, dangerous dogs, abandoned buildings, busy intersections, and high crime areas.
- ✓ **Work** to eliminate safety hazards. Hold a neighborhood cleanup; contact your CAN and CAT officers; report issues to the appropriate officials.
- ✓ **Walkpool.** Organize a team of adults who can take turns walking groups of children to school.
- ✓ **Volunteer** one day a week to serve as a crossing guard at a dangerous crosswalk in your neighborhood.
- ✓ **Sit** on your porch or look out your front window to make sure the children are safe. Encourage others to do the same.
- ✓ **Contact** your local businesses and ask them to watch to make sure the children are safe.
- ✓ **Ask** your church to be involved and to share information with the congregation through church bulletins, newsletters, etc.
- ✓ **Contact** your neighborhood school and ask how you can help.
- ✓ **Plan** meetings with your family to ensure that your children will be safe.
- ✓ **Utilize** the ATA's special bus fare for school children.
- ✓ **Keep** a recent photograph of your child.
- ✓ **Provide** your child's school with correct and current personal information.
- ✓ **Make sure** your child knows his/her full name, address, and phone number.
- ✓ **Make sure** your child knows to stay away from strangers and to yell for help if approached.
- ✓ **Show** your child where the nearest phones are and how to dial 911.
- ✓ **Call** 911 if you see anything suspicious.
- ✓ **Establish** a secret word that only you and your child knows. Tell your child not to trust a stranger that does not know the secret word. This prevents a stranger from convincing your child that parents sent them to take the child somewhere.



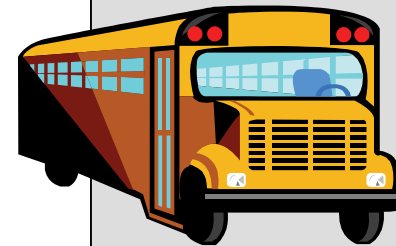
Safety Tips for Kids

Walking to school is healthy and environmentally friendly. Safe walking habits can help you enjoy your journey to and from school.

- ✓ **Walk with a friend.** Strangers usually pick on lone persons.
- ✓ **Always** stick to the same route when going and coming from school. Don't take shortcuts.
- ✓ **Cross** streets at a light or crosswalk when possible.
- ✓ **Be an observant walker.** Be aware of your surroundings. If you think you are being followed, you can cross the street.
- ✓ **If you think** you are in danger, yell "help" and run to the nearest store, phone, or back to school.
- ✓ **If a stranger** asks you questions, don't get close to the car (you could get pulled in) and NEVER get in.
- ✓ **Remember,** a stranger is anyone that you AND your parents don't know well.
- ✓ **Don't tell** anyone your name and address when you are out walking.
- ✓ **Do not wear** expensive jewelry or clothing.
- ✓ **Do not carry** more money than you need that day. Place it in a secure place.
- ✓ **Memorize** important phone numbers.

School Bus Safety tips

Get ready for the bus. Wear bright clothes so that drivers can see you. Wear clothes that will keep you warm when it's cold, dry when it's raining. **Dress safely** — don't wear clothes that could get caught on the bus, such as clothes with drawstrings.



Arrive early and wait quietly at the bus stop. Playing in the road or fooling around can

spell D-A-N-G-E-R.

Make sure the bus comes to a full stop before you try to get on or off. Use the handrail so you won't trip or fall. Always tell the driver if something falls under or in front of the bus. Never try to get it yourself! Keep things in your bag — don't carry loose items.

Stay out of the danger zone! Walk at least 10 steps away from the bus when you get off.

Keep away from the front, back and sides of the bus. If you have to cross:

- Make sure you can see the driver's face.
- Wait for the driver's signal to cross.
- Stay at least 10 steps away from the bus as you cross.
- Watch out for cars.

You can help prevent accidents. Stay in your seat. Talk quietly. Never stick your hands or head out the window.

If something goes wrong... Stay calm. Your bus driver will tell you what to do. Know where the emergency doors and windows are in case you ever have to use them.

When you walk to and from the bus remember to follow safety rules. Use the sidewalk if there is one. Look both ways before you cross the street. Cross only at crosswalks. Obey all traffic signals. Always cross in front of the bus (wait for the driver's signal).