

Parents:  
Important School Bus Safety Alert

**HELP US PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN  
AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

Certain types of children's clothing can create a hazard as your child exits the school bus. Especially dangerous are:

- **Long, dangling jackets or sweatshirt drawstrings**
- **Long backpack straps**
- **Long scarves**

Such items can be caught in the bus handrail, door or other equipment as the child exits the bus.

In recent years, a number of children across the U.S. have had their clothing caught as they left the bus. Several children were dragged the the bus and then killed when the bus ran over them.

Please take the time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe.

Also, please talk with our children about these safety rules:

- **Stay away from DANGER ZONES around the bus**
- **Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus - the bus driver might not see you**
- **Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus - use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus**

**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT  
NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN A  
CHILD'S LIFE**

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