

## School Bus Safety



October is National School Bus Safety Month and a great time to highlight safety for this mode of transportation. We also remind parents and caregivers that there have been great advancements in the number and type of restraints available for use on school buses. If you have a child with special transportation considerations (small size, autism, wheelchair needs, casts, tone issues, medical equipment, etc.), please reach out to the staff in our Safe Kids office. All our staff have received training in the safe transportation of children on school buses and would be more than happy to consult and visit about some of these options that make transportation on school buses safer.

**Here are some additional tips to keep students safe on and near school buses.**

- Kids should stand three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb when waiting for the bus.
- Wait for the wheels to stop moving and for the bus driver to say it's okay to board the bus before you proceed toward the door.
- Stay seated when the bus is moving and wait for the bus to completely stop before getting off.
- Use a crosswalk when crossing the street after getting off the bus and make eye contact with the bus driver before you cross. They can see traffic coming in all directions and will help guide you across.



Altru Health System is proud to serve as the lead agency for Safe Kids Grand Forks.

For more information on this and other childhood injury prevention topics, visit [safekidsgf.com](http://safekidsgf.com), call us at 701.780.1489 or email [safekids@altru.org](mailto:safekids@altru.org).



**This information is brought to you by Safe Kids Grand Forks & our partners at MN Toward Zero Deaths.**