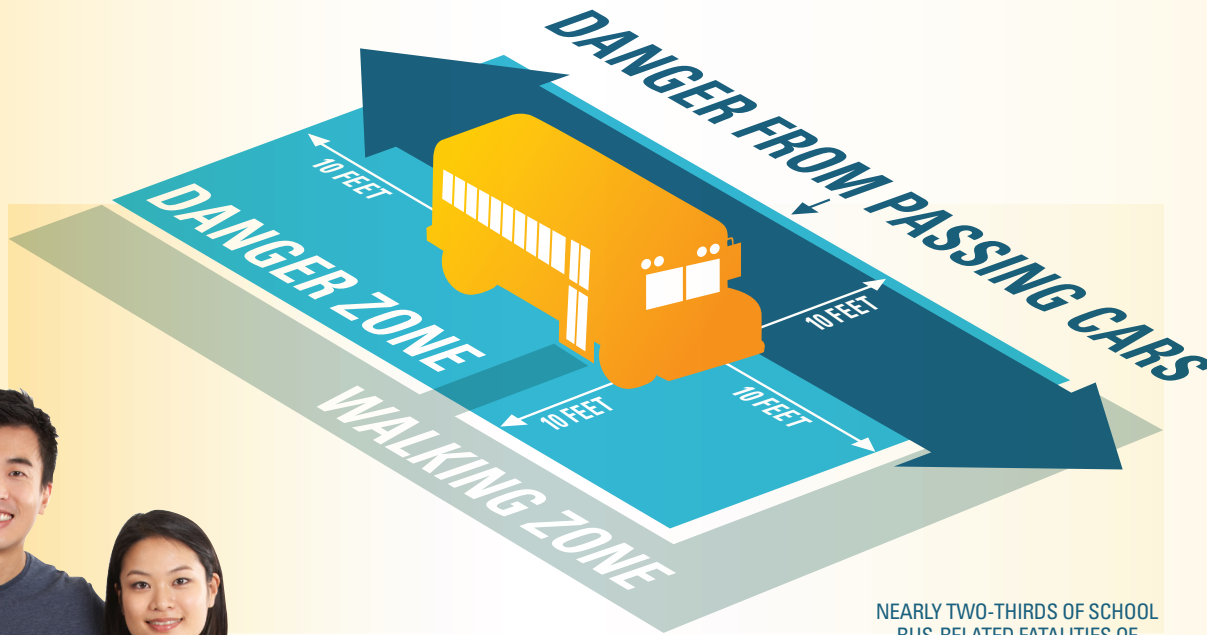


*fact:*  
**IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
KEEP CHILDREN SAFE  
AROUND THE SCHOOL BUS**

**LOADING ZONE SAFETY PROCEDURES**

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*Play it safe.  
Respect the ride.*

NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF SCHOOL  
BUS-RELATED FATALITIES OF  
SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN  
**OCCUR OUTSIDE OF THE  
SCHOOL BUS.**

ONE-THIRD OF  
THOSE CHILDREN ARE  
**BETWEEN 5 AND 7  
YEARS OLD.**



While the school bus is the safest way to travel to school, children still need to be careful as they get on and off the bus. Obstructed views and distracted drivers put kids at risk, which is why it's important that parents teach them about ways to stay safe. Children who rush are particularly vulnerable, so make sure they get to the bus stop early. Have them stay three giant steps away from the road until the school bus stops and the door opens. Children should never walk behind the school bus. When crossing in front of it, they should stay five giant steps away from the school bus. And they should always make sure the driver sees them and they check for passing vehicles before stepping into the roadway. Find out what else you can do to play it safe and respect the ride. Visit [schoolbusfacts.com](http://schoolbusfacts.com) for more information.