

A Family Guide

# Metro Bus Safety Checklist



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**Safety begins with you. Place this checklist on your refrigerator bulletin board. As you discuss or practice each safe behavior with your family, place a check in the circle.**



### **Boarding the Bus**

- Wait on the sidewalk away from the curb, not in or near the street.
- Don't play near buses; pushing and shoving can cause accidents.
- Watch for the bus.
- Don't approach the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
- Never run after or next to the bus.
- Don't jump between the curb and the steps of the bus.
- Use handrails when boarding.
- When using bike racks, always stay in view of the bus operator.

### **On the Bus**

- Use the handholds and take your seat promptly.
- When standing, stay behind the yellow line, not on the steps.
- Keep your head, hands, arms and legs inside the bus.

### **Leaving the Bus**

- Get ready to exit well in advance so you don't have to rush.
- Exit through rear doors whenever possible.
- Use the handrails when getting off the bus.

- Don't jump between the steps of the bus and the curb.
- Watch your step when you get off, especially at night and in rainy weather.
- Step away from the bus after you have exited.
- If you drop something, leave it until the bus drives away.

### **Traffic Safety**

- Stay alert for vehicles.
- Look both ways, over your shoulder and listen before crossing the street. Cross at the corner and use crosswalks.
- Whether you're walking, skating or riding, obey all traffic lights, pedestrian signals and stop signs.
- Always wear your helmet when riding a bicycle and never ride next to a bus or other vehicle.