



GLENLYON NORFOLK SCHOOL BUS SAFETY DRILLS

The drills on the GNS 'Blue' and 'Yellow' school buses shall include practice and age appropriate instruction in the location, use and operation of the emergency door(s), fire extinguishers, first aid equipment and windows as a means of escape in case of fire or accident. Drills shall also include instruction in safe boarding and exiting procedures, with specific emphasis on when and how to approach, board, disembark and move away from the bus after disembarking. Each drill shall include specific instructions for passengers to advance at least twelve feet in front of the bus before crossing. All such drills shall include instruction in the importance of orderly conduct by all school bus passengers.

To ensure consistency in school bus safety drills, teachers are to follow the specific instructions for conducting the drills presented here.

Recognizing that our 'passengers' range from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, a drill may be modified to address the developmental stages of our school population.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL BUS SAFETY DRILL

These instructions are provided to assist teachers in conducting school bus safety drills. Drills are intended to target the frequent users of the bus. The goal is for each user to receive the safety drill instructions at least once per school year. The instruction provided during each drill can prepare all school children to act quickly and safely in the event of an emergency.

GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY DRILL

1. Explain the concept of emergency: "a dangerous situation requiring immediate actions."
2. Review situations that would create an emergency: fire, accident, bus in an unsafe position, etc.
3. The Instructor shows the children how to evacuate the bus safely.

Blue Bus

- a. The Instructor demonstrates opening the side emergency windows (by lifting the handles and pushing out), and the location and operation of the overhead escape hatch. The Instructor instructs the children to remember the location of the signs denoting "Emergency Escape Window" and "Emergency Hatch."

Yellow Bus

- b. The Instructor demonstrates opening the rear emergency door (by lifting the handle and pushing out), the operation of the emergency windows and the location and operation of the overhead escape hatch. The Instructor instructs the children to remember the location of the signs denoting "Emergency Escape Window" and "Emergency Door."

The operation of fire extinguishers and the use of first aid equipment are simulated as part of the drill instruction for Middle and Senior School students.

4. The Instructor emphasizes the following safety rules:

Boarding the Bus

- a. Wait for the bus on the sidewalk. Do not step into the street.
- b. Board the bus directly without pushing or shoving.
- c. Remain orderly throughout the ride.
- d. Talk quietly to your friends on the bus; do not shout or scream.
- e. Keep hands, arms, legs, and heads inside the bus.
- f. Do not throw objects on the bus or from the windows.
- g. Behave considerately toward the other riders.

- h. Keep books, book bags, musical instruments and other objects out of the aisle.
- i. Do not play with door handles or windows.

Exiting the Bus

The following instructions are to be given to all passengers.

- j. Walk directly to the sidewalk when you get off the bus.
- k. If you must cross the street when you get off the bus, cross only at the corner after making eye contact with the Driver. Cross at least twelve feet in front of the bus. Be careful of oncoming traffic. Go directly to the opposite sidewalk.