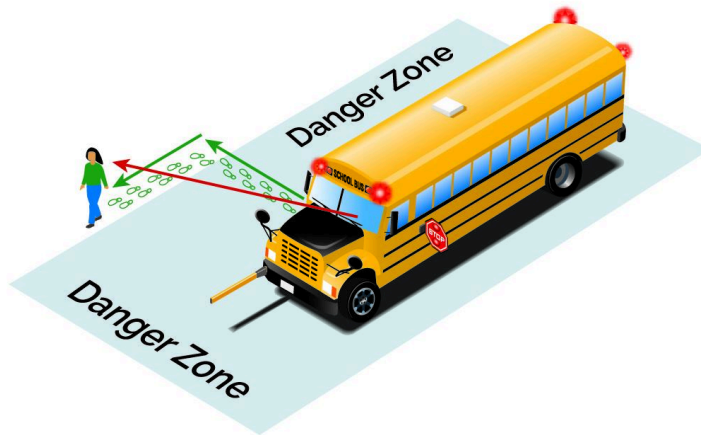


# Safe Loading and Unloading of School Buses

(Adapted from School Bus Safety - Ministry of Transport for Ontario - MTO)

## Know the Danger Zones

- Every child must know the “Danger Zone” around the school bus.
- The “10 Giant Step” rule is a good measurement for children to identify the Danger Zone
- If you cannot see the School Bus driver it is likely they cannot see you



- If you can touch the bus you are too close.
- If you drop something in the Danger Zone, leave it. Never pick it up unless the Bus Driver has given you specific permission.

## Loading

- Arrive at the bus stop before the bus comes
- Wait in a safe place away from the edge of the road
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop with its overhead red lights flashing and its stop arm activated before approaching

## Unloading

- Don't push or shove — exit the bus in a single file
- Always cross the road in front of the stopped bus, never behind
- Look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before crossing in front of the bus
- Stay out of the danger zone by being 10 giant steps away from the bus, where you and the bus driver can see each other