

# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

Twenty-five million students ride on school buses during the school year. The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross encourages families to discuss school bus safety procedures and to follow these safety tips - they can help prevent injury:

- Line up facing the school bus door - not along the side of the school bus.
- Don't play in the street while waiting for the school bus.
- Carry your belongings in a backpack or book bag.
- Never reach under a school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen underneath.
- After getting off the school bus, move immediately onto the sidewalk or road shoulder, out of traffic.
- Wait for a signal from the bus driver before you cross the street. Walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so that the bus driver can see you.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.