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School bus Safety Week: Oct. 21?25

School Bus Safety Week in Ontario takes place from October 21 ? 25th, 2013. The simCoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCTC) reminds all drivers to be extra cautious in the vicinity of school buses and in all School bus loading and un-loading zones.

During School Bus Safety Week, the Simcoe County Student Transportatio Consortium, in partnership with our School Vehicle Operators, will be offering School Bus Evacuation Training to all elementary and secondary school students to and from school.

This training eductaes students on how to safetyly evacuate a school bus in an emergency sitaution.

School bus safety tips, prepared by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation, Schoolbus Drivers and representatives of the Ontario School Boards, include:

? Stay out of the danger zone at all times! Remember ? if you can't see the driver, the driver can't see you. Never go near the bus unless the driver has given you the signal to come. Never, ever walk or play behind a vehicle. When you go near the bus, always, always be sure you can see the bus driver. If you drop anything in the danger zone leave it. Never, never stop to pick it up. Know the danger zones

? Every child must know the danger zones around the school bus. Children should never enter the danger zone unless the driver has given them permission. If a child can touch the bus, he or she is too close. If a child must cross the street, know all the rules to cross safely. The 10 giant step rule is a good measurement for children to identify the danger zone around the school bus, particularly when crossing in front of the bus. When near a bus, the children must have the attention of the school bus driver. Children should never play around or near school bus vehicles.

When leaving the bus, children must walk directly home.

? Getting On and Off the Safe Way: Always be on time with your school things tucked safely away. Never run to or from the bus. Wait for the bus at a safe place away from the road. Wait for the bus to stop before approaching to get on. Remember if you can touch the bus, you are too close. Your driver will tell you when to get on. Walk up the steps, one at a time, using the hand rail. Never push or shove. Sit facing the driver, feet in front of you. Keep the aisle clear at all times.

Always listen to and obey your school bus driver.

? Getting off the bus: Use the handrail. Do not push or shove. Walk don't run away from the bus. Never go behind the bus. Go right home. Crossing the Street After Getting Off the Bus

If you must cross the road after getting off the bus, use the 10 giant steps as a guide to take you out of the danger zone at the front of the bus. Be sure you can see the driver and that the driver sees you. Watch for the driver's signal that it is safe to cross. Stop when you reach the edge of the bus. Look and listen both ways to be sure it is safe before you cross. If you drop anything in the danger zone ?leave it! Walk never run across the street. Go right home.

? Crossing the Street to the Bus: If possible, have an adult help you cross the road. Before crossing, be sure you can see the stop arm and lights flashing. Wait for the driver's signal before you start to cross. Look and Listen both ways to be sure it is safe before you cross. Walk never run across the street.

? Emergency evacuation the safe way: Listen to the driver's instructions for the correct exit. Be calm, quiet and don't panic. Leave your belongings behind. Exit seat by seat alternating rows. Leave the bus quickly without pushing, or shouting. Walk to a safe place and stay together.

? Railway crossing evacuation: Listen to the driver's instructions for the correct exit. Go away from the tracks as far as possible in a direction (at a 45 degree angle) toward the train to avoid being hit by debris from the crash. Go to a safe place and stay together.