Bus safety: Informal bus stops

In NSW there are thousands of informal school bus stops, particularly in rural and regional areas. These informal school bus stops are locations along a bus route, either on private property or alongside public roads, where a bus can pick up or drop off students.

Informal school bus stops aren’t sign posted or developed as formal bus stops. Unlike formal bus stops, informal school bus stops are often agreed between bus operators and families.

Following a student fatality Transport for NSW has developed advice for selecting and reviewing informal bus stops. This advice can be useful for parents and carers of students who use these informal bus stops.

Schools are asked to remind and reinforce safe road user behaviours in and around buses with their students. A key bus safety message for all students is to:

**Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road.**

Visit Safety Town for quality teaching and learning activities for K-6 students around bus safety.

Information to educate parents and carers about bus safety is also available from Safety Town.

Explore the Bus safety resource for Stage 3 and Stage 4 students.

Visit On the Move for quality teaching and learning activities for high school students.

Your local Department Road Safety Education Officer is also available to provide support about safe bus travel for students.

Or visit the Department’s Road Safety Education website for further information.

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