

Keeping Children Safe *from sexual abuse* on the Bus

Direct children to sit with those in a similar age group. Younger children and children with special needs should be seated towards the front of the bus.

*Appropriately screened volunteers are encouraged.
Position adults in the last seat of the bus and in the middle of the bus.*

Actively listen to youth and their conversations. Pay attention to when there is unusual silence or inappropriate language.

Implement a buddy system and have periodic buddy checks to help with active supervision.

Redirect inappropriate behavior immediately.

Implement and monitor safety rules such as keeping hands and feet to yourself and making sure children are sitting down facing the front of the bus.

Be aware of children using different electronics (phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) and what they are being used for. A 'No Technology on the Bus' policy is recommended.

1 in 10 children are sexually abused by their 18th birthday.

Nearly 40% are abused by older or larger children.

Darkness to Light

