



# **Transportation Safety**

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## **Early Child Care Environment**

Careful planning reduces the risk of harm or injury to children and reduces liability for child care operators and their programs.

# Objectives

## Part 1: National Transportation Safety Board Rules and Regulations/Field Trips (NTSB)

### Learners will:

- ✧ Identify the National Transportation Safety Board
- ✧ Identify Field Trip Safety Basics
- ✧ Locate Evacuation Drills
- ✧ Design a parking lot map and identify **Danger Zones**
- ✧ Design a “cube” pattern for review

# The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

## Set national standards for school bus safety

Activity #1

- Requires three-point seat belts (lap-and-shoulder belts) on school buses weighing less than 10,000 pounds
- Allows individual states to decide whether to require seat belts on larger school buses.
- Six states – California, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York, and Texas – do so. (Nevada - 2019)



# Nevada Governor Signs Bill Requiring Seat Belts on School Buses

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A school bus is carried away from a crash site in November in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Six elementary school students died and 31 were injured. This week, Nevada became the seventh state to pass a law mandating seat belts on school buses.

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Nevada Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval has signed legislation that will require new school buses to be equipped with seat belts.

More than a dozen children were injured in a school bus crash last month in Las Vegas, and in the last seven months, students in Massachusetts and Tennessee have been killed or injured in school bus accidents.

The Nevada legislation, which was [passed overwhelmingly by the Legislature](#), requires that any new school bus purchased by a school district on or after July 1, 2019, be equipped with a shoulder-harness-type safety belt assembly for passengers.

Nevada joins six other states — California, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York and Texas — in enacting laws [requiring seat belts on the big yellow school buses](#) that most students ride. In Louisiana and Texas, however, the requirements are contingent upon funds being appropriated by the state, and that hasn't happened.

Advocates for seat belts on school buses say they should be required to protect children from being seriously injured or killed in crashes. Opponents say school buses are already very safe and question whether children can quickly unbuckle and evacuate in some emergencies. School districts also are concerned about the estimated \$7,000 to \$10,000 cost of adding seat belts to a new bus.

# Who Maintains the Center's Bus/Vehicle?

**Where are your transportation safety/fieldtrip policies and procedures located?**



# Rules and Regulations/Field Trips

- ✦ Ratio during transportation
- ✦ Driver's requirements
- ✦ Transportation log
- ✦ Transporting children
- ✦ Seat restraints (if required)





# Evacuation Drills and Emergency management

- A first-aid kit must be located in each vehicle/firmly secured
- Emergency and identifying information about each child
- Transportation Log
- Children may never be left alone
- Children must be loaded and unloaded from curbside





# Driver Requirements

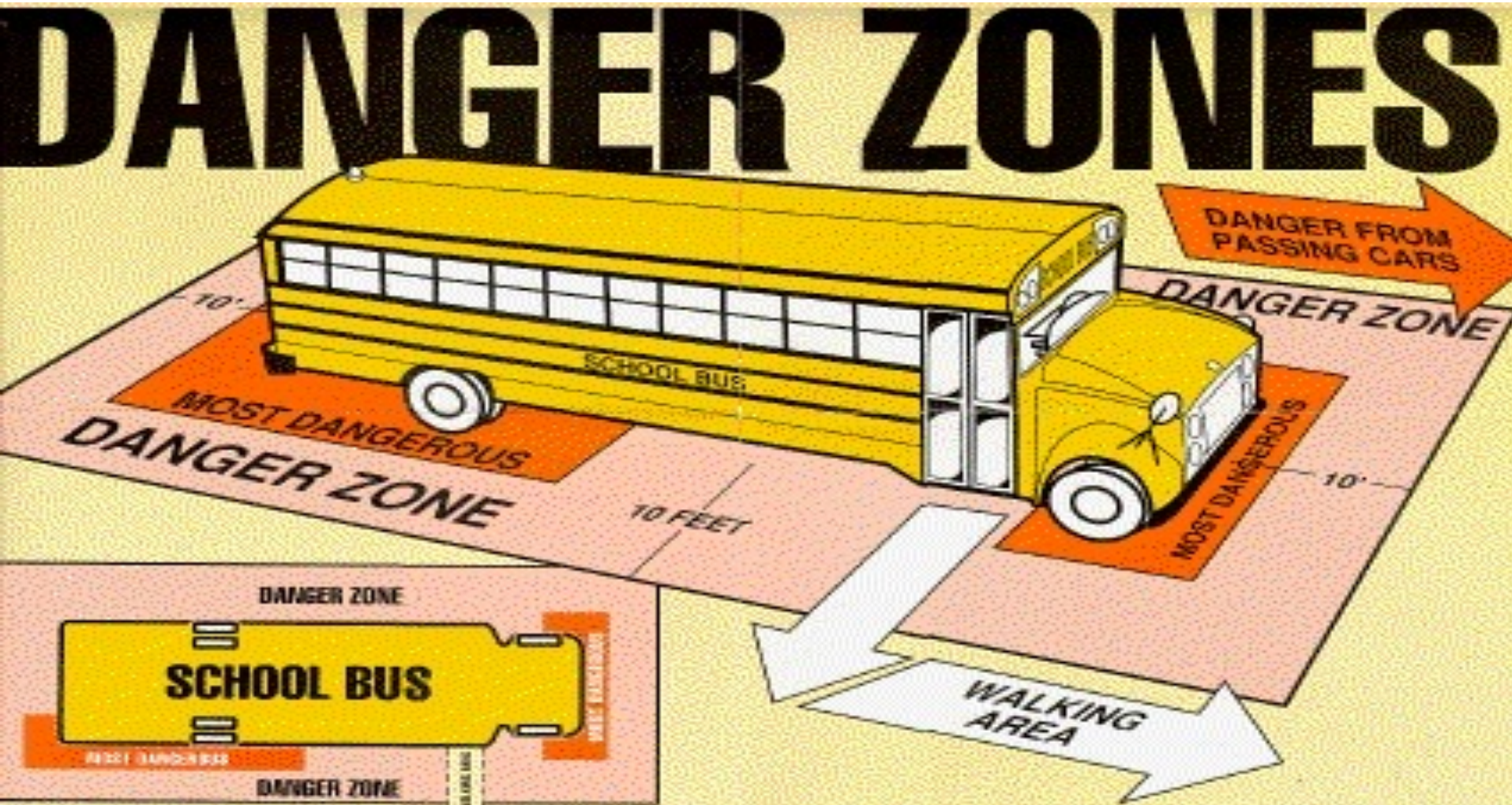
The driver must be at least 21 years old or a duly licensed school bus driver

- ✧ Possess an appropriate class state driver's license
- ✧ Clean driving record
- ✧ No DUI's



## The Danger Zone

The "Danger Zone" is the area on all sides of the bus (10 feet) where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver:

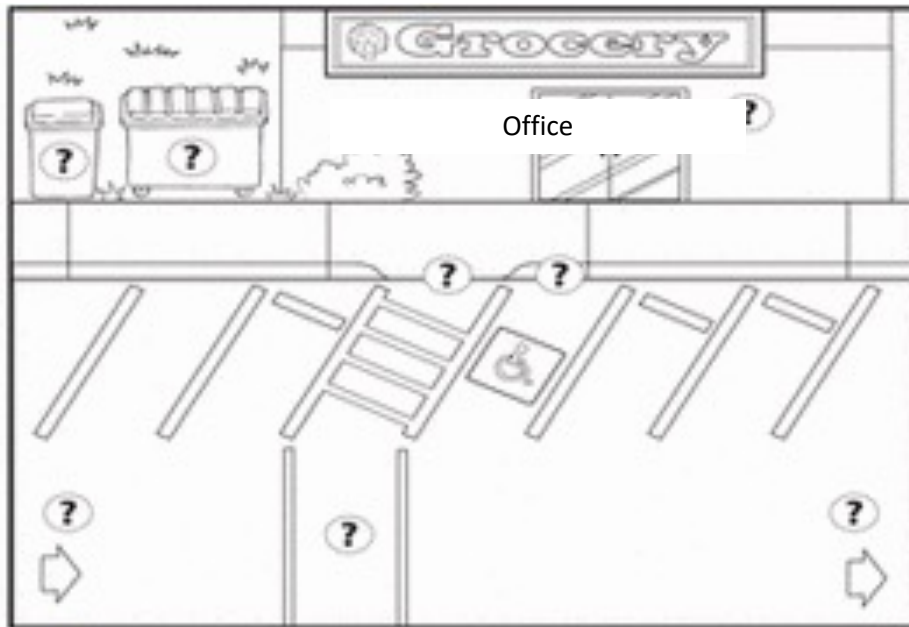




# Activity - Draw a School Parking Lot

Activity #2

Draw a school parking lot on chart paper. Use the traffic signs, buses and cars to determine 3-5 danger zones.



Be ready to explain and share how to make the danger zones safe.

## Distractions While in the Bus

- Eating
- Aisles
- Noise
- Windows





- ✧ National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- ✧ Field Trip Safety Basics
- ✧ Evacuation Drills
- ✧ Danger Zones
- ✧ Parking Lot Safety

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