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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

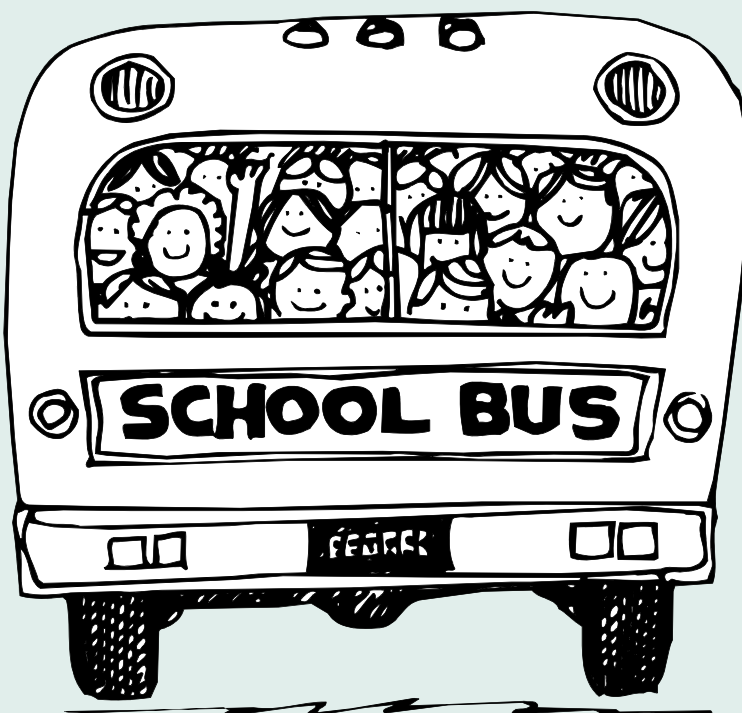
School is back in session as of August 27th. Please be aware of children walking and biking to and from school. Of course, we want all children to be safe and school buses are relatively safe. However, accidents and injuries involving school buses do happen. More often than not these injuries happen when children are entering or exiting the bus. Here are some safety tips for school bus riders.

- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- Hold onto the handrails when entering or exiting the bus.
- Once on the bus, take your seat and remain seated face forward.
- Talk quietly so that you don't distract the driver.
- Never throw things on the bus and keep your hands to yourself.
- When you exit the bus, take ten giant steps away from the bus. When you are closer than 10 feet from the bus, the driver might not see you. This is known as the DANGER ZONE.
- If you forget something on the bus, do not return to the bus to get it. The driver might not see you.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you.
- If you need to cross the street, cross in front of the bus never behind the bus.

Motorists should follow safety rules around school buses. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop. Motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red flashing lights are turned off.

Here are a few more traffic safety tips for motorists.

- When backing out of the driveway or garage, watch out for children.
- When driving through neighborhoods and especially in school zones, watch out for children. Children don't always pay attention to traffic and don't always know that motorists have trouble seeing them.
- Slow down. Watch out for children walking or playing in the street.
- Be alert and ready to stop. Children sometimes dart into the street.



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Constable - Precinct 3	281-427-4791
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Dead Animal Pick-Up (Precinct 1)	281-820-5151
Animal Control	281-999-3191
After Hours	281-221-5000

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Public Utility Commission Consumer Hotline	888-782-8477
Summerwood Technologies	281-225-1000
(Telephone, Cable, Alarm Monitoring)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone.....	800-464-7928
Entex Gas.....	713-659-2111
Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P).....	713-207-7777
Municipal Utility District (MUD #342).....	713-983-3602
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~~~~~ Health & Safety ~~~~~

 No one can know when an emergency will strike that could keep us confined inside our homes for an unknown period of time, possibly without electricity, running water, or working telephones. Experts say that no matter where you live, you should be emergency-ready by assembling an "Emergency Preparedness Kit". Keep it in a central and accessible location in your home.

Drinking water: enough for each family member for several days

Food: enough non-perishable food to nourish each family member for several days – include a manual can opener, and any food items for special dietary needs such as diabetes

Flashlights: at least one, more if possible – and include charged batteries

Portable radio: also with charged batteries

First aid kit and book

Coolers to store ice and food

Large plastic garbage bags and duct tape: for repairs and other mishaps that might occur

Infant necessities if you have a baby

Blankets, pillows, and sleeping bags: enough so that each member of the family will be able to rest

Extra clothing: store several pairs of sweats, which can be easily used by different sized family members in a pinch

Crayons, coloring books, and a deck of cards: items that will keep small, restless children occupied

For more information on preparing for an emergency, visit www.ready.gov (US Department of Homeland Security) or www.RedCross.org (American Red Cross).

~~~~~ Helpful Hints ~~~~~

Taking risks is not second nature for most people because it requires them to move out of their "comfort zone". However, taking some calculated risks can produce great rewards – both personally and professionally. Here are some methods to help nudge you out of your comfort zone, and identify when taking a responsible risk could greatly improve your situation:

Discover and nurture your unique strengths, and capitalize on them. For example, find a creative solution to jump-start a project at work and propose the idea to your boss. Or even better, offer to lead the project team – especially if you have historically been a follower.



Reach out to people you admire and ask them to mentor you. People you ask will feel flattered, and likely be happy to share their skills, knowledge, and experience.

Take small steps – daily, weekly, or monthly – to consciously challenge yourself to move beyond your comfort zone. Then congratulate yourself for your risk-taking efforts, no matter how big or small, and no matter what the outcome – the important thing is that you had the courage to step out and do it!

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Texas Events - September 2007

1-16—HOUSTON: A Modern Patronage: de Menil Gifts to American & European Museums Exhibition brings together about 45 major works of art that John and Dominique de Menil donated. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

1-30—HOUSTON: Late Nite Catechism Stage's Arena Theater. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123

2—HOUSTON: Bollywood Blast 2 Music and dances are set against fascinating visuals from the world of Bollywood. Begins at 8 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

7-8—HOUSTON: Celebrate Contemporary Ballet Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

8—HOUSTON: A Journey to Mexico Vibrant, colorful and exciting performances take audiences on an exciting folkloric journey. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

8—HOUSTON: Second Saturday of the Month Boat Cruise along Buffalo Bayou First come, first served. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 ext. 3

8-9—HOUSTON: Bluegrass Festival Features down-home bluegrass music by many of Texas' most popular bands and mouth-watering country-style foods. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

9—HOUSTON: North Houston Fall Swap Meet Includes car parts,

toys and antiques. Sam Houston Race Park Parking Lot. www.hotrodsoftexas.com 337/249-7667

9-22—HOUSTON: Whistle Down the Wind This is an extraordinary and uplifting tale about the transforming power of love. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

13-Dec. 9—HOUSTON: Otabenga Jones & Associates Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

14—HOUSTON: Ring of Fire, Dances of the Pacific Ring Begins at 8 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

14-16—HOUSTON: Gulf Coast Film & Video Festival Includes independent film showings, entertainment, celebrities and more. www.gulfcoastfilmfest.com 281/333-5804

15—HOUSTON: Festival de Independencia: El Grito Celebration features artists from Mexico, mariachis, folkloric dances and more. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

15—HOUSTON: Fiestas Patrias Features live cultural music, dancing food and family fun. Join in the festivities and observe Mexican Independence Day. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

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16—HOUSTON: First Houston Doll Club 32nd Annual Doll Show & Sale Marriott Hotel Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway. E-mail: othagr@sbcbglobal.net

22—HOUSTON: Dance Around the World Presented by Dance Source Houston. Begins at 11 a.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

22-23—HOUSTON: Houston Hot Sauce Festival — Eighth Annual Features 100s of products to sample and buy. Enjoy zydeco, rock, blues and country music on the main stage. Houston Farm and Ranch Club. www.houstonhotsauce.com 281/558-3518

26—HOUSTON: Danceology 101 Explores dance from the 1920s' Charleston to today's Hip-Hop. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

28-29—HOUSTON: 11th Houston Grand Taiko Festival Offers high-energy Taiko drumming and a Japanese dancing extravaganza. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

29—HOUSTON: Fifth Gospel Jubilee Features more than 15 performers from throughout Southeast Texas on the Cricket Wireless Concert Stage. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

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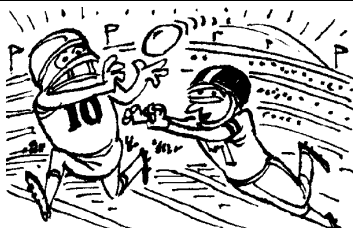
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