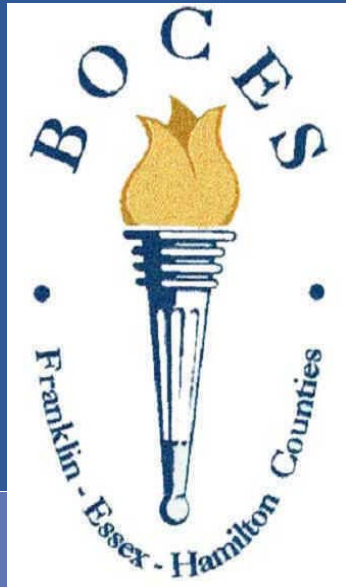


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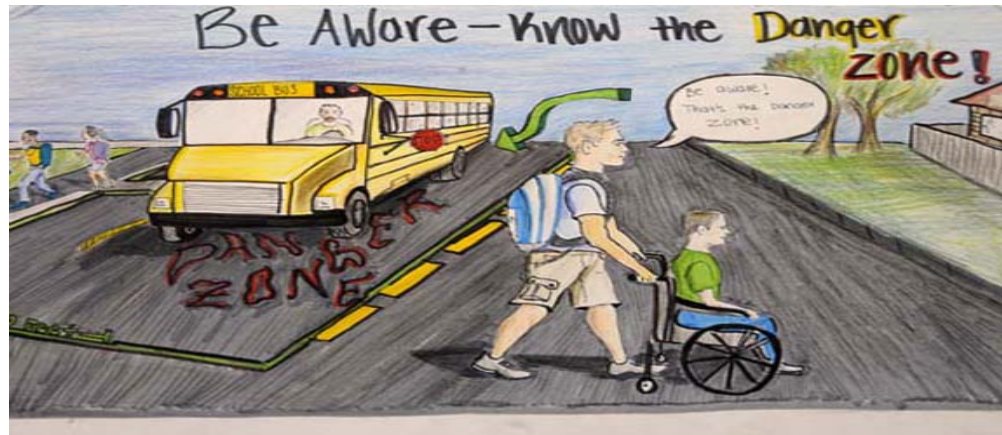
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National School Bus Safety Week is October 17-21, 2011

From winding country roads to busy city streets, school bus drivers carry the most precious cargo: our children. School bus drivers, mechanics and other school transportation personnel are the safest and most qualified in the state.

Bus drivers are the people who make sure that students get to school and back home safely every day. They are the first school workers to greet students in the morning and the last to wave goodbye to them in the afternoon.

They also care about the kids and the community. Bus drivers know that parents want the peace of mind that comes from trusting the person behind the wheel of the big yellow bus.

School bus drivers attend more training than any other drivers in the state, and they are all required to pass an extensive background check before they receive a license to drive a school bus.

Schools around the country will recognize 2011 School Bus Safety Week, celebrating the theme: "[Be Aware - Know the Danger Zone](#)." Studies have proven that the most dangerous part of the school bus ride for children is when they get on and off the bus.

Remember to pay close attention to school buses when you see them driving on the street and teach children how to be safe when boarding and exiting the bus.

Getting kids to and from school safely and on schedule makes bus drivers, mechanics and other transportation personnel an integral part of our schools and our communities.

FIRE SAFETY

The goal of “It’s Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!” is to protect all families, especially those at the highest risk.

Be a home fire escape planner :

- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone can meet once they’ve escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan.
- Have a grown-up sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and remind grown-ups to have your family practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

Smoke alarms and home fire escape planning :

- If there is a fire in your home, there will be smoke.
- A smoke alarm will let you know there is a fire.
- A smoke alarm makes a loud noise – beep, beep, beep.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Go to your family outside meeting place.

When you go home today, be a smoke alarm detective :

- Ask a grown-up to show you where the smoke alarms are in your home.
- Ask a grown-up to test the smoke alarms to make sure they are working.

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What Can You Do to Keep Your Students Safe on the Internet at School?

The emergence and use of new technologies strengthen the need for all learners to know and practice safe, effective, ethical use of technology through training in Internet safety.

While many students and teachers use various technologies often, others may use it infrequently or lack basic access or information to use technology. Yet all learners, including the youngest students, students with special needs, and English language learners, can receive guidance in information literacy and the safe and ethical use of telecommunications tools such as social networking spaces and online coursework to meet learning standards, credit or degree requirements, and life-long learning needs. NYSED can assist by providing technical assistance for instructional programs designed to promote the proper and safe use of the Internet.

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/technology/internet_safety/