It's National School Bus Safety Week, and we're partnering with Verra Mobility to share resources on how to keep your families safe this school year.

School buses remain the safest way for children to travel to and from school, but distractions, unsafe driving, and a lack of awareness of safety protocols can lead to tragic outcomes.

Passing a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended is against the law in every state, yet the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDTPS) estimated there were **over 39 million illegal school bus passings last year**.

Keep kids safe with these tips:

* Stay five giant steps away from the curb while waiting for the bus.
* When waiting for the bus, form a line away from the street - never too close to traffic.
* Only board when the bus stops, doors open, and the driver says it’s OK.
* Take five giant steps in front of the bus and make eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of a school bus.
* Always look left, right, then left again before crossing the street.

Keeping students safe is a community effort involving alert drivers, informed parents, and empowered kids. Let’s work together this week and every week to make our roads safer.

Learn more at [**www.verramobility.com/national-school-bus-safety-week-toolkit**](http://www.verramobility.com/national-school-bus-safety-week-toolkit)**.**