



Winter Weather Transportation Safety Reminders

Safety First in Upper Perk...

- **Bundle Up.** Students need to keep warm at the bus stop or walking to school, but they also must still be able to see and hear what's going on around them. Make sure they can still see and hear traffic and other noises around them when they are wearing their winter attire.
- **Get a Grip.** Wear footwear appropriate for conditions. Avoid footwear with slick (no-tread) soles when walking on wet surfaces, snow or ice.
- **Don't Rush.** When roads and walkways are slippery, do not rush to catch the bus. Children will need a little extra time getting to the bus stop or to school in cold, windy or snowy conditions.
- **Put Down the Phone.** Not looking where you are walking can have disastrous results. When walking on snow or ice covered surfaces, watch where you are walking and take shorter steps. Do not fool around with others, and avoid distractions.
- **Watch Your Step.** Stand six feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb while waiting for the bus. The simple task of getting on and off the bus can be taken for granted. Always use the handrails on the bus, as steps can become wet and slippery.
- **Throwing Snowballs and Injuries.** When the snow hits the ground, students are going to be tempted to play in it. Children should be reminded regularly that throwing snowballs can be very dangerous. If a rock or a piece of ice should become mixed in with the snowball that is thrown at another person, it can cause serious injuries.
- **Just a Little Patience.** Our school bus drivers are very well trained to drive in inclement weather. However, snow and icy roads can slow down even the most experienced driver. Safety is each driver's top priority and extra time may be needed to get from stop to stop. We send Bus Status alerts for any changes over 10 minutes, whether early or delayed.
- **Pay Attention to News Station Alerts, Skylerts and Bus Status App.** Parents should be aware, at all times, of weather alerts and school cancellations or delays. Bad weather also can lead to early dismissals or a change in bus routes. Make sure to check your school website and/or local news stations when inclement weather is expected.

