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School Bus Safety for Your Kids

August 10 and 11 marks the start of the school year for students attending Truth or Consequences schools. Read the following article for more information on how to encourage students to be safe when loading and unloading onto the school bus.



For millions of students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, many children are injured and several are killed each year in school bus incidents.

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, children should not rely on them to do so. The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their children these rules for getting on and off the school bus:

Getting on the school bus

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic.
- Do not stray into streets, alleys or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

Getting off the school bus

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road until you can turn around and see the driver.
- Make sure that the driver can see you.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.
- When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.
- Stay away from the wheels of the bus at all times.

Crossing the street

- Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing. They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across the street.

Sierra Electric Host Elementary Students

On July 8, students from Truth or Consequences and Sierra Elementary schools, grades kindergarten through third grade, visited Sierra Electric on a field trip to learn about electricity and safety.



Kindergarten and first grade students watch a demonstration of pole climbing.

The students watched a safety presentation and the line crew put on several demonstrations



Jenny Stuckmeyer, member services coordinator, presents second and third grade students with an electrical safety presentation.

hands-on the equipment they use and the awesome power of electricity.

Sierra Electric Cooperative was thrilled to have the opportunity to host the students, interact with them and teach them about electricity, safety and the cooperative difference.

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