Safety Guidelines for Riding the MinuteVan

Following are some safety tips for our young riders. Please review these and be sure that you understand them to ensure everyone's safety on the MinuteVan Dial-A-Ride service.

Please note that for the safety of our passengers with food allergies there is no eating or drinking on the bus.

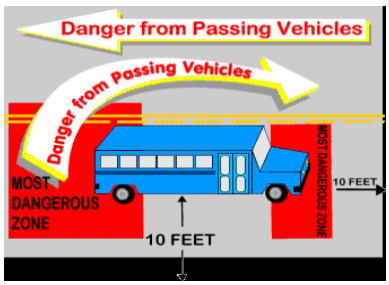
⇒ When people see a bright yellow school bus they understand that there are children riding on the bus and they will be more cautious. The MinuteVan is a white van and drivers may not be expecting children to enter and exit the vehicle so use extra care when you get on and off the van. Cars are not required to stop the way they do for a school bus therefore cars driving around the van will not stop for you the way they do when you use the school bus.

⇒ When you are waiting for the van to pick you up it is best to stand well back from the curb so that the driver can see you clearly when he/she pulls up. Wait for the bus to come to a full stop and the driver to open the door before you approach the van to enter it.

⇒ When you get off of the van you should take five giant steps straight out of the door. This will ensure that the driver can see you clearly before he/she pulls away.

⇒ The driver will make every attempt to drop you right in front of where you need to be, but please remember that this is not a school bus so the driver will not wait for you to cross in front of the van if you must cross the street. Wait for the van to pull safely away and then cross the street. Always cross at a crosswalk, street corner, or where there is a crossing guard. Look to the left, right, and left again and use extreme caution when crossing. Do not run when crossing the street and give your full attention to what you are doing.

⇒ Please take a look at the picture below so you can see the areas where it might be dangerous around the van.



- Always know the address of where you are going.
- Remember to call someone when you arrive if that is what you are supposed to do.
- Have the exact fare ready for the driver.
- Sit as close to the driver as possible.
- Keep your backpack and anything else you have with you on your lap and remember to take it with you when you get off the bus.

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