

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

March 10, 2023



SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Reminder to turn clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, 3/11!

DISTRACTED PEDESTRIANS: With longer hours of daylight and warmer temperatures approaching (fingers crossed), there will be more people out walking. That means more distracted pedestrians that are not looking out for you. Professional drivers look out for them. While distracted driving is

increasing, there is good evidence that distracted walking is increasing too. As drivers, it is imperative that you operate at a proper speed on the road. If there is a crosswalk, there may be a pedestrian in the area...look for them! This can help diminish potential risks for pedestrian injury. As a pedestrian walking in the yards, it is imperative for you to keep your head up and your eyes open. Talking and texting while walking is a dangerous distraction.

SHOUT OUT: We received a call from the mother of a student in reference to her son's school bus driver, Jean Claude Maitre. She wanted to let us know how much she appreciates Jean as her son's driver. She specifically mentioned how her son is non-verbal, but Jean still makes it a point to speak to him every morning and throughout the ride. She also wanted to say that given her son's special needs, she has difficulty trusting people with her son, but that she trusts Jean Claude 1000%. We are proud to have Jean Claude on our team!



WHAT ARE 3-POINTS OF CONTACT? Moving up or down your vehicle with at least two feet and one hand or two hands and one foot secured to the vehicle.

WHY ARE 3-POINTS OF CONTACT SO IMPORTANT? By focusing on having 3-points of contact, you can protect yourself from falling while entering or exiting your vehicle or while climbing other equipment.

UNDERSTANDING 3-POINTS OF CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Inspect your equipment; verify that steps are in good working condition and handles are secured for proper hand placement.
- Wear proper footwear for conditions, open toed shoes or heels can reduce your traction.
- Keep both hands free to enter and exit your vehicle.
- Focus on the task at hand, move slowly to ensure you are safely exiting the vehicle.
- Moving too quickly often leads to losing 3-points of contact and could lead to injury.

Maintaining 3-points of contact is a choice we face every single day. Ensure that you are checking the ground to verify you are stepping down to a safe location. Never jump from your vehicle as this can lead to a serious injury! Utilize 3-points of contact whether you are entering or exiting your vehicle, on a ladder or utilizing another piece of equipment.

SCHOOL BUS REFRESHER SCHEDULE: The refresher schedule for April will be posted on MPS in the near future. Keep an eye on the Newsletters for further information.

DIABETIC FORMS: Drivers who have a history of diabetes and require a check-up every six months by their personal physician, please be aware the DMV form has been updated. Visit MPS to download the new DMV DS 704 (1/23) form; click on "Notifications", click on "Forms" and discard any old forms.

FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Derrick Grainger, new Road Supervisor for Transit and ADA out of 1980 Pond Road



"Go the extra mile, it's never crowded."