Buses — Carrying Passengers Safely

Dave's Driving School — Buses

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How to use this book

Read a chapter, talk it over, then practise its lesson with your instructor in a safe place. Answer the review questions in your own words. Keep the checklists until they become habits. Where this book and your country's current official rules differ, the official rules win — always.

Chapter 1 — The Bus Driver's Duty

A bus driver carries other people's families; that trust shapes every decision of the day.

The heart of the matter is simple to say and a lifetime to master: smoothness is safety: passengers stand, walk and carry children inside your vehicle. In this chapter we take it slowly, in plain words, the way Dave's school teaches everything — first the idea, then the habit, then the practice.

First, understand

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Then look closer. Smoothness is safety: passengers stand, walk and carry children inside your vehicle. Break the skill into its small parts and practise each part separately, in a quiet and safe place, with your instructor beside you. Small parts learned well join together into smooth, whole driving; small parts skipped return later as faults that are much harder to unlearn.

Step by step

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Common mistakes

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A worked example

Picture an ordinary journey — a market day, traffic building, weather turning. The driver who has learned this chapter well does nothing dramatic. Because smoothness is safety: passengers stand, walk and carry children inside your vehicle, the difficulty is met early, handled gently,

and forgotten by the next junction. That quietness is the mark of real skill: passengers arrive relaxed, other road users are never startled, and the vehicle comes home unmarked.

Checklist

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Review questions

1. In your own words, what is this chapter's main idea? 2. Why does it matter for safety? 3. Describe a real road situation where it applies. 4. What is the commonest learner mistake here, and how is it avoided? 5. What do your country's official rules say? Answer honestly; where you cannot answer, that is tomorrow's lesson.

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Chapter 2 — The Vehicle Check for Passenger Work

Doors, steps, handrails, seats, lights, emergency exits and equipment — checked before the first passenger boards.

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Then look closer. A defect that strands a car strands forty people in a bus. Break the skill into its small parts and practise each part separately, in a quiet and safe place, with your instructor beside you. Small parts learned well join together into smooth, whole driving; small parts skipped return later as faults that are much harder to unlearn.

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A worked example

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Chapter 3 — Boarding, Alighting and the Stop

Stop fully, wait for the elderly, children and passengers with luggage or disabilities, and move off only when all are settled or holding on.

The heart of the matter is simple to say and a lifetime to master: most passenger injuries happen at the stop, not on the open road. In this chapter we take it slowly, in plain words, the way Dave's school teaches everything — first the idea, then the habit, then the practice.

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A worked example

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Chapter 4 — Driving Smoothly with a Load of Lives

Gentle acceleration, early braking and wide, slow turns keep standing passengers on their feet.

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Then look closer. Plan every stop and junction earlier than you would in a car. Break the skill into its small parts and practise each part separately, in a quiet and safe place, with your instructor beside you. Small parts learned well join together into smooth, whole driving; small parts skipped return later as faults that are much harder to unlearn.

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Chapter 5 — Children and School Passengers

Young passengers need clear rules, kind firmness and a driver who counts and checks.

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Then look closer. Never move until you are certain no child is near the wheels or crossing unseen. Break the skill into its small parts and practise each part separately, in a quiet and safe place, with your instructor beside you. Small parts learned well join together into smooth, whole driving; small parts skipped return later as faults that are much harder to unlearn.

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A worked example

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Chapter 6 — Emergencies in a Passenger Vehicle

Fire, breakdown or collision: stop safely, open doors, evacuate away from traffic, account for everyone.

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Chapter 7 — Routes, Timetables and Pressure

A timetable is a guide, never a master; a late bus is forgiven, an unsafe one is not.

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Chapter 8 — The Journey's End — Checks and Care

Walk the vehicle at the end: sleeping passengers, forgotten children, lost property and defects to report.

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Before you count this chapter as learned, be able to say yes to each of these: I can explain the main idea in my own words. I have practised it in a safe place with guidance. I know the common mistakes and can spot them in others. I know what my country's current official rules say about it. I can stay calm when it goes imperfectly and correct myself safely.

Review questions

1. In your own words, what is this chapter's main idea? 2. Why does it matter for safety? 3. Describe a real road situation where it applies. 4. What is the commonest learner mistake here, and how is it avoided? 5. What do your country's official rules say? Answer honestly; where you cannot answer, that is tomorrow's lesson.

Practise it on the road

Now take the lesson out of the book and onto the road, in the safest conditions you can choose. Tell your instructor beforehand which chapter you are practising, and agree together how it will be judged. Afterwards, while the journey is fresh, write down three things: what went well, what surprised you, and what you will do differently next time. This small habit of honest review, kept after every practice, is how ordinary learners become careful drivers — not by one great lesson, but by many small corrections willingly made. Repeat the practice on at least three separate days before you call the chapter finished: once in quiet conditions, once in ordinary traffic, and once when conditions are less kind, always with guidance and always within your country's rules. If any part still feels uncertain, that feeling is information, not failure — bring it back to your instructor and to this chapter, and practise again. The road rewards the driver who would rather practise once more than presume once too often.

Chapter summary

Walk the vehicle at the end: sleeping passengers, forgotten children, lost property and defects to report. The duty ends when the last passenger is safe, not when the engine stops. Learned patiently and practised honestly, this chapter's lesson will serve you on every journey you ever make.

A last word from the school

Driving is freedom with responsibility attached. Learn patiently, drive carefully, and arrive — every time. Dave's Driving School is proud of every learner who chooses care over hurry.

A plain safety word. Driving law and test rules differ by country, and they change. This book teaches general driving knowledge only. It is not an official manual of any country. Always follow your own country's current official rules, the signs and instructions on the road in front of you, and the guidance of your qualified instructors.

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