Pre And Post Trip Hazards

When doing your pre-and post-trip checks be aware of the following hazards.

**SAFETY TIPS WHILE PRE-AND POST-TRIPPING THE BUS:**

- Watch for other moving buses
- When walking around the bus to inspect it watch for:
  - Ice, snow, fluids on the ground
  - Mirrors sticking out away from the side of the bus
  - Items left next to the bus (brooms, car seats, wash buckets)
  - Hoses, tire stops
  - Uneven surfaces
  - Electrical cords
- Don’t just look AT the bus—but AROUND the bus for obstacles prior to backing out
- When checking the engine compartment be careful lifting the hood as it can be extremely heavy. Make sure it is secured open.
- When checking fluids in the engine, stand on a ladder or stepstool—not the tire
- When opening the emergency exit doors be cautious as they can be heavy
- Put yourself directly in front of the window when opening or closing it
- While checking the inside of the bus watch for:
  - Backpacks, coats, books, lunch boxes or other items left behind—don’t trip over them
  - Wet floors—these can be slippery
- Be careful walking down the bus steps—use the handrail at all times.

**Tips to protect your body while cleaning the bus:**

- Keep mops and brooms close to your body- this will prevent overextending and it will also help protect your shoulders and back
- When cleaning under the seats, bend at your knees instead of at the waist to protect your back
- Stand close to the windows while washing to prevent overreaching—or use a long handle squeegee

**BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AT ALL TIMES**