

School Bus Safety Rules for Motorists

- Be aware it is illegal in every state to pass a school bus stopped to load/unload students.
 - Know and understand laws governing motorists' s driving behavior near a school bus.
 - Learn the “ flashing signal light system” that school bus drivers use to alert motorists if they are going to stop to load/unload students.
 - Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children.
 - Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
 - Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists **MUST** stop their cars.
 - Begin moving only when the red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn and the bus begins to move.
 - Watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.
 - Slow Down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops.
 - Be Alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
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