

## Driving near school buses and stops

In a single day 95,319 illegal passes of school buses were reported in 39 states!1

## What's at Stake: Bus-Related Loading/Unloading Fatalities<sup>2</sup>



- 2/3 from vehicles passing a stopped bus (from either direction)
- 50% students were walking or running to/from the bus stop



All states require traffic in both directions to stop when students are getting on or off a school bus.

**Exception:** For *divided highways*, states differ when passing from the opposite direction — know the law in your state.

## Be Patient When Driving Near Buses



- Reduce speed, and increase your following distance
- Anticipate stops
- Give them space to turn and maneuver



**Distracted drivers and distracted students:** A deadly combination. **100% focus on driving.** 



## **Avoid School Areas**

Choose routes away from schools, bus routes and residential neighborhoods, particularly around school start and stop times.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, National School Bus Illegal Passing Survey, 2019

<sup>2</sup> 2019-2020 National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, Kansas State Department of Education and National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services

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