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 Fatalities²

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

Be Patient When Driving Near Buses

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

You Must Stop

- Yellow flashing lights: the bus is preparing to stop.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms: drivers must stop and wait.

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.

Avoid School Areas

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

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

¹ National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, National School Bus Illegal Passing Survey, 2019
² 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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