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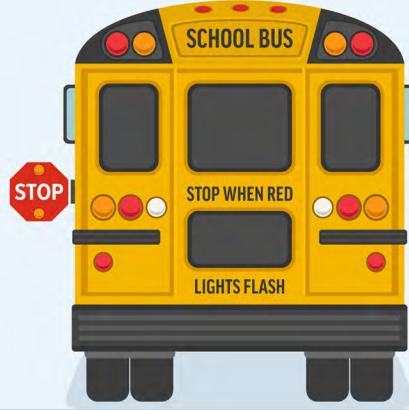
Driving near school buses and stops

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



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.**

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.



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