

WARNING LIGHTS

- ◆ Alternating flashing yellow lights are to be used to warn motorists that the bus is stopping to take on or to discharge passengers.
- ◆ Alternating flashing red lights are used to inform motorists that the bus is stopped on the roadway to take on or discharge passengers.
- ◆ Stop arm shall be operated simultaneously with flashing red signal lights.

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USE CAUTION! DANGER ZONE

The danger zone for a school bus is the area 10 feet around the bus. The two most dangerous places are:

- ◆ Front of the bus
- ◆ Right rear tire area

DANGER 10 Feet



10 Feet

WARNING:

Please take the time to check your children's clothing and book bags to make sure they are safe. Drawstrings and key chains may catch on objects on the bus and increase danger!!

Please talk to your child about the following safety rules:

- ◆ Avoid the danger zone around the bus.
- ◆ Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus - the bus driver might not see you.
- ◆ Remember that some motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus.
- ◆ **Be careful** whenever getting on or off the bus.

Parents ... are very important in helping keep children safe on the school bus.

Here are some ways in which parents can help:

- ◆ Review the safety rules with children. Help them to understand why each rule is important.
- ◆ Help children to be ready at the stop before their bus arrives.
- ◆ Take turns supervising bus stops for smaller children.

Bus drivers...help to keep children safe in a number of ways:

- ◆ Drivers watch surrounding traffic closely to keep school children safe.
- ◆ Drivers will signal to children that need to cross the street only when traffic has stopped.
- ◆ In case an emergency vehicle approaches while loading or unloading, the driver will get the children to a place of safety until the emergency vehicle passes.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN APPROACHING ANY SCHOOL BUS THAT IS STOPPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING OR DISCHARGING SCHOOL CHILDREN?

- ◆ If a bus is stopped with its red lights flashing, all traffic proceeding in either direction must stop, even if there is a divided highway.

- ◆ You must not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

If you fail to stop for a school bus, your error will not go unnoticed. Bus drivers will report the license plate number of any vehicle that fails to comply with the law to a law enforcement agency, and an investigation will be conducted to identify the driver for enforcement purposes.

PENALTIES FOR NOT OBEYING THESE RULES COULD COST YOU UP TO \$500 AND A MAXIMUM 1-YEAR SUSPENSION OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.



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