

INSTALLATION SAFETY BULLETIN

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Back-to-School Safety Tips

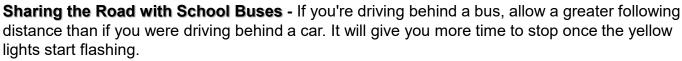
The School year is starting, watch out for children and traffic near schools and crossings!

Drivers - If You're Dropping Off children at school

- > Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- > Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

- ➤ Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are **4 to 7 years old**, and they're walking.
- ➤ **Don't block** the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- ➤ **Take extra care** to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- ➤ Always **stop for a school patrol officer** or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- ➤ **Never** pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- > Remember Slower Speed Limits in School Zones.
- > **SLOW DOWN** more pedestrians and bicycles.
- > Exercise CAUTION in areas without sidewalks.
- > Know what's behind you before backing.



- > Stay Alert near bus stops.
 - ➤ If the YELLOW or RED LIGHTS are FLASHING and the STOP ARM is extended, STOP at least 20 feet from the bus when behind or meeting.
 - > STOP between 10 and 30 feet from the school crossing when a crossing guard directs.
- ➤ **Never** pass a bus from behind or from either direction if you're on an undivided road if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- ➤ The area **10 feet around a school bus** is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- **Be alert**; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

- National Safety Council, www.nsc.org

