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5 THINGS MOTORISTS CAN DO TO KEEP BUS RIDERS SAFE

1. MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE

School buses stop frequently. Leave plenty of distance between your car and the bus in front of you so you can safely apply the brakes once yellow lights start to flash.

2. STOP FOR STOP ARMS

Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm mean a child is entering or exiting the bus. On two-lane roadways, come to a complete stop (in either direction) until the stop arm and red lights are deactivated.

3. NEVER PASS FROM BEHIND

Passing a stopped school bus from behind as it loads and unloads children is illegal in all 50 states.

4. GIVE RIDERS PLENTY OF ROOM

Children are hard to see within the 10-foot area surrounding a school bus. When stopping, help keep children safe by giving them plenty of room to get on or off the bus.

5. KNOW YOUR STATE LAWS

State laws regarding when to pass a stopped school bus on a roadway with four or more lanes can vary. To learn more, contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles.

