

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

*It's time for kids to go back to school, and that means more school buses on the roads. Follow these tips to help keep everyone safe.*

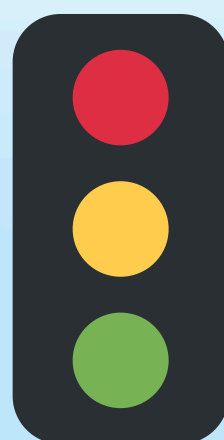


## BE READY TO STOP.

It's against the law to pass a stopped school bus that's loading or unloading children. When the stop arm is extended, all traffic must stop, whether approaching from behind or coming from the opposite direction on an undivided roadway.

## TREAT BUS LIGHTS LIKE TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

Yellow flashing lights mean slow down. Red flashing lights mean stop. When the red lights are flashing, it is illegal to pass the bus in either direction. Always stay alert, as children may be crossing the road.



## STAY BACK.

The area within 10 feet of a school bus is the most dangerous for children. The driver has large blind spots. Always stop far enough back to give children space to safely get on and off the bus.

## BE VIGILANT AND FOCUSED.

The posted speed limit is the maximum speed you should be going. When children are present, drive much slower. Kids can be unpredictable and may not recognize danger. Always be prepared to stop quickly if a child runs into the street.

