

Turn to Us

Autumn 2021

BACK TO SCHOOL *School Bus Safety*

Once again this year, back to school looks a bit different. While more students are headed back to the classroom than last school year, virtual learning is still an option for some. Either way, at some point during the day, children will be on or near a road, and keeping them safe should always be top-of-mind.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Students who are returning to in-person learning may rely on school buses to get them to and from school safely.

IF YOU ARE DRIVING, REMEMBER THESE SIMPLE RULES:

Yellow flashing lights on a school bus mean slow down — don't speed up — because the bus is preparing to stop. There are likely students waiting to get on the bus or parents waiting nearby to pick up children.

Red flashing lights mean stop — and wait at least 20 feet behind the bus — because children are getting on or off the school bus. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving.

Even when lights aren't flashing, watch for children, particularly in the morning or mid-afternoon, around school arrival and dismissal times. Be alert as you back out of a driveway, or drive through a neighborhood, school zone or bus stop.

DID YOU KNOW?

School buses are the most regulated vehicles on the road; they're designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in preventing crashes and injuries; and in every state, stop-arm laws exist to protect children from other motorists.

PARENTS - TALK BUS SAFETY WITH YOUR CHILDREN:

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Teach them to play it **SAFE**:

Stay five steps away from the curb.

Always wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.

Face forward after finding a seat on the bus.

Exit the bus after it stop and look left-right-left for cars before crossing a street.

