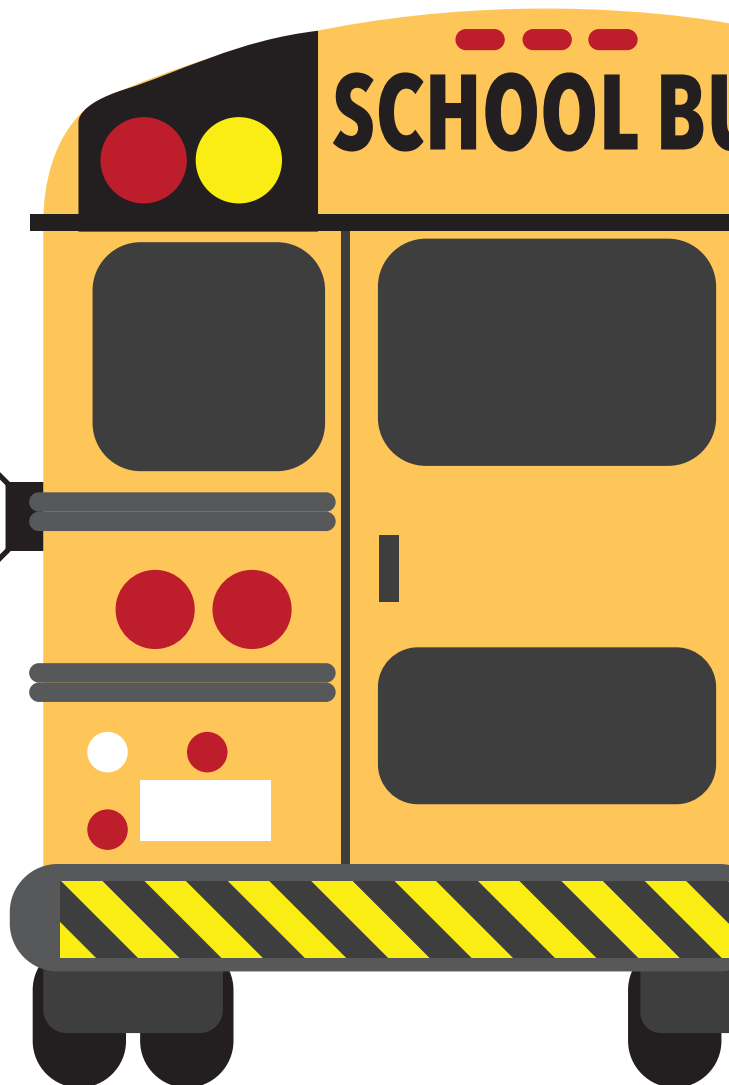


# BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

## IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

AS SCHOOL DOORS OPEN, TRAFFIC GETS A LITTLE HEAVIER ON OUR STREETS. PEOPLE ARE BACK FROM HOLIDAYS, SCHOOL BUSES AND PUBLIC TRANSIT ARE ON REGULAR ROUTES, AND MORE PEOPLE ARE WALKING, CYCLING OR DRIVING TO SCHOOL. PLEASE FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING TIPS TO HELP EVERYONE STAY SAFE THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

- 1) ALWAYS STOP FOR BUSES AND NEVER PASS WHEN LIGHTS ARE FLASHING
- 2) ALWAYS STAY ALERT IN SCHOOL ZONES
- 3) ALWAYS STAY ALERT IN SCHOOL ZONES
- 4) ALWAYS OBEY CROSSING GUARDS AT CROSS WALKS



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## 1) OBSERVE SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDS:

ALTHOUGH YOU SHOULD ALWAYS OBEY POSTED SPEED LIMITS, IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT DURING IN SCHOOL ZONES. CHILDREN CROSSING THE ROAD ON THEIR WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL CAN EASILY GET DISTRACTED AND STEP INTO HARM'S WAY. SLOWING DOWN AND BEING VIGILANT IS CRUCIAL TO KEEPING KIDS SAFE. CHILDREN ARE OFTEN OUT THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND EARLY EVENING: AT RECESS, LUNCH, WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL, AND DURING CLASSES, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO DRIVE SLOWLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

## 2) SHARING THE ROADS WITH SCHOOL BUSES:

- FOLLOW AT A GREATER DISTANCE THAN YOU WOULD DRIVING BEHIND A CAR TO ALLOW MORE TIME TO STOP ONCE THE YELLOW LIGHTS START FLASHING. IT WILL GIVE YOU MORE TIME TO STOP ONCE THE YELLOW LIGHTS START FLASHING.
- NEVER PASS A BUS FROM BEHIND OR FROM EITHER DIRECTION IF IT IS STOPPED TO LOAD OR UNLOAD CHILDREN.
- IF THE YELLOW OR RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING AND THE STOP ARM IS EXTENDED, TRAFFIC MUST STOP.
- 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 CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE, AND THEY TEND TO IGNORE HAZARDS AND TAKE RISKS.

## 3) WATCH FOR DARTING CHILDREN:

KIDS ARE SMALL AND EASILY DISTRACTED, AND FOR DRIVERS, THIS CAN CREATE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS ON THE ROADS. BE VIGILANT AND ALERT BEHIND THE WHEEL. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A CHILD MIGHT STEP OUT FROM BETWEEN PARKED CARS OR OFF A SIDEWALK. YOUR FAST REFLEXES WILL BE NEEDED TO PREVENT AN ACCIDENT

## 4) OBEY THE CROSSING GUARD:

A CROSSING GUARD IS THERE TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE. IF YOU COME UP TO A SET OF LIGHTS, AND THE LIGHT TURNS GREEN, BUT THE CROSSING GUARD STILL SAYS STOP, FOLLOW HIS/HER DIRECTION AND NOT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT. THERE MIGHT BE A CHILD STILL CROSSING THE STREET THAT YOU CAN'T SEE.

