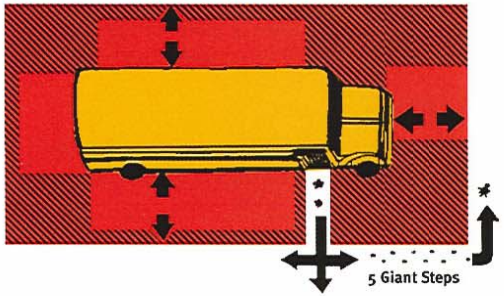
Danger Zones



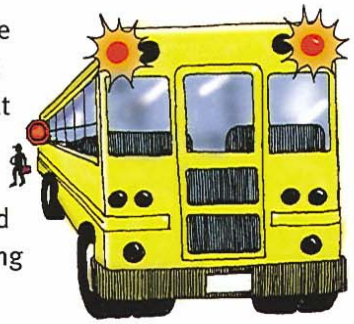
Move away from the bus, out of the danger zones

Ask Driver For Help

Children should ask the driver for help if they drop something near the bus.

Lights Flashing, Stop!

If red lights are flashing, stop! They show that children are getting on or off the bus and may be crossing the street.



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The greatest risk for students is when approaching or leaving the bus, not while riding the bus. Before children go to school, it is essential that adults and children know traffic safety rules.

Motorists

Learn and obey the school bus laws.

- Slow down.
- Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops.
- *Yellow flashing lights* indicate that the bus is preparing to stop, load, or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.
- *Red flashing lights* and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Parents

Safety starts at home!

- Teach children to follow the common sense practices in this brochure to make school bus transportation safer.
- Practice safe bus procedures with your children.

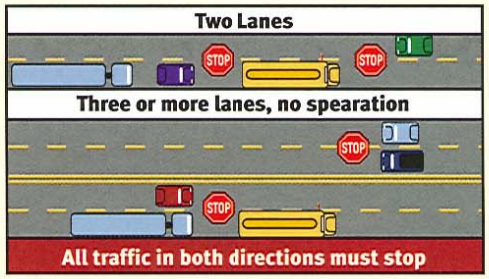
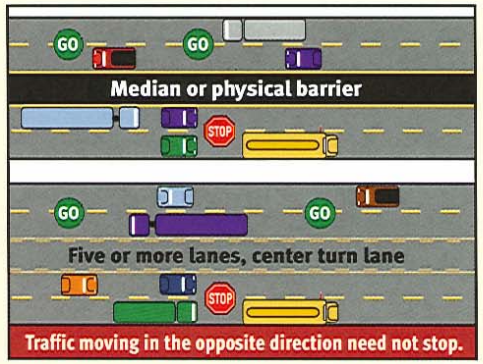
School Children

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road until you are at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross.
- Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
- Use the handrails to avoid falls. When getting off the bus, be careful that loose clothing and book bags don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- **Never walk behind the bus.**
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.

School Bus Laws in Utah

Utah law says whenever the over-head red loading lights are flashing a motorist **MUST STOP** for a school bus under the following circumstances:

- When approaching a school bus, either from the front or the rear of the bus, on a two lane road.
- When approaching a school bus, either from the front or rear of the bus, on a road with three or more lanes when there is no separation between the lanes.



- **NO STOP** is required under the following circumstances:
- When there are three or more lanes that are separated by a physical barrier or median, only the motorists approaching the bus from the rear are required to stop.
- When there are five or more lanes, with a center turn lane separating traffic, only the motorists approaching the bus from the rear are required to stop.