

HOW TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS

Many motorists are unsure on how to stop for a school bus when the warning lights are activated. Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when approaching a school bus when the yellow or red warning lights are activated.



YELLOW WARNING LIGHTS:

Yellow warning lights are a warning to motorists that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload students. This is to provide the motorist time to prepare to stop just as a yellow light on a traffic signal.

- When a bus approaches you from the front and you are unsure where the bus is stopping, you are better off to just stop and let the bus go by. This should help prevent you from stopping too close and not providing an adequate distance to the bus or running the stop arm.
- Speeding up to avoid having to stop is a very risky. A student maybe running late to the bus stop and run out in front of you. Better to wait the extra minute than to spend the rest of your life regretting your decision to be impatient.

RED WARNING LIGHTS AND STOP ARM

Red Warning lights and stop arm indicate to the motorist that they are to stop. The bus is now loading or unloading students. Watch for students from all directions. BE PATIENT!



- Please leave a minimum of 20 feet clearance from your vehicle to the bus.
- Do not creep up to the bus. Come to a complete stop. A bus driver will hold students until they are confident that it is safe to load or unload.
- Buses make numerous stops in housing additions. That's what we do. Once you know the schedule of the bus move your time a couple minutes earlier or later to avoid getting behind the bus.

Running the stop arm on a school bus is a serious offense. We report all offenses to the Indiana State Police.