

# School Bus Safety Laws – Know the Rules in Pennsylvania

Every driver has a responsibility to keep children safe. Here's what you need to know when you see a school bus in Pennsylvania:

## When Must You Stop?

You must stop at least 10 feet away from the bus when:

- The bus's red lights are flashing, and
- The stop arm is extended

This applies to drivers:

- Approaching from behind, and
- Coming from the opposite direction—unless there is a physical barrier or median between lanes.

## When Can You Proceed?

You may only proceed once the red lights stop flashing and the stop arm has been fully retracted. Always watch for children crossing the road even after the bus begins to move.

## Penalties for Violating the Law

If you pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing, you could face:

- A \$300 fine
- Five points on your driver's license
- A 60-day license suspension

## Did You Know?

- Most stop-arm violations occur within 100 feet of a child boarding or exiting the bus.
- Stopping isn't just the law, it's the difference between life and death.

## Help Us Keep Students Safe

- **Slow down** in school zones and neighborhoods.
- Never pass a bus with red lights flashing.
- Always stay alert and avoid distractions when driving near schools or bus stops.