

Citizens Preparedness Newsletter



Summer isn't quite over yet but school will be back in session before we know it! Which means school buses will be back on the road. While school buses are the safest mode of transportation for students, it's important for everyone to remember these safety tips to help ensure everyone has a safe trip to and from home!



School bus transportation is safe.

Even so, in the U.S. in 2022, there were 104 deaths and 12,500 people injured in school bus-related crashes. This statistic includes: occupants of another vehicle, school bus passengers, school bus drivers, and pedestrians. It is the responsibility of drivers, bus riders, and bus drivers to ensure school bus safety.



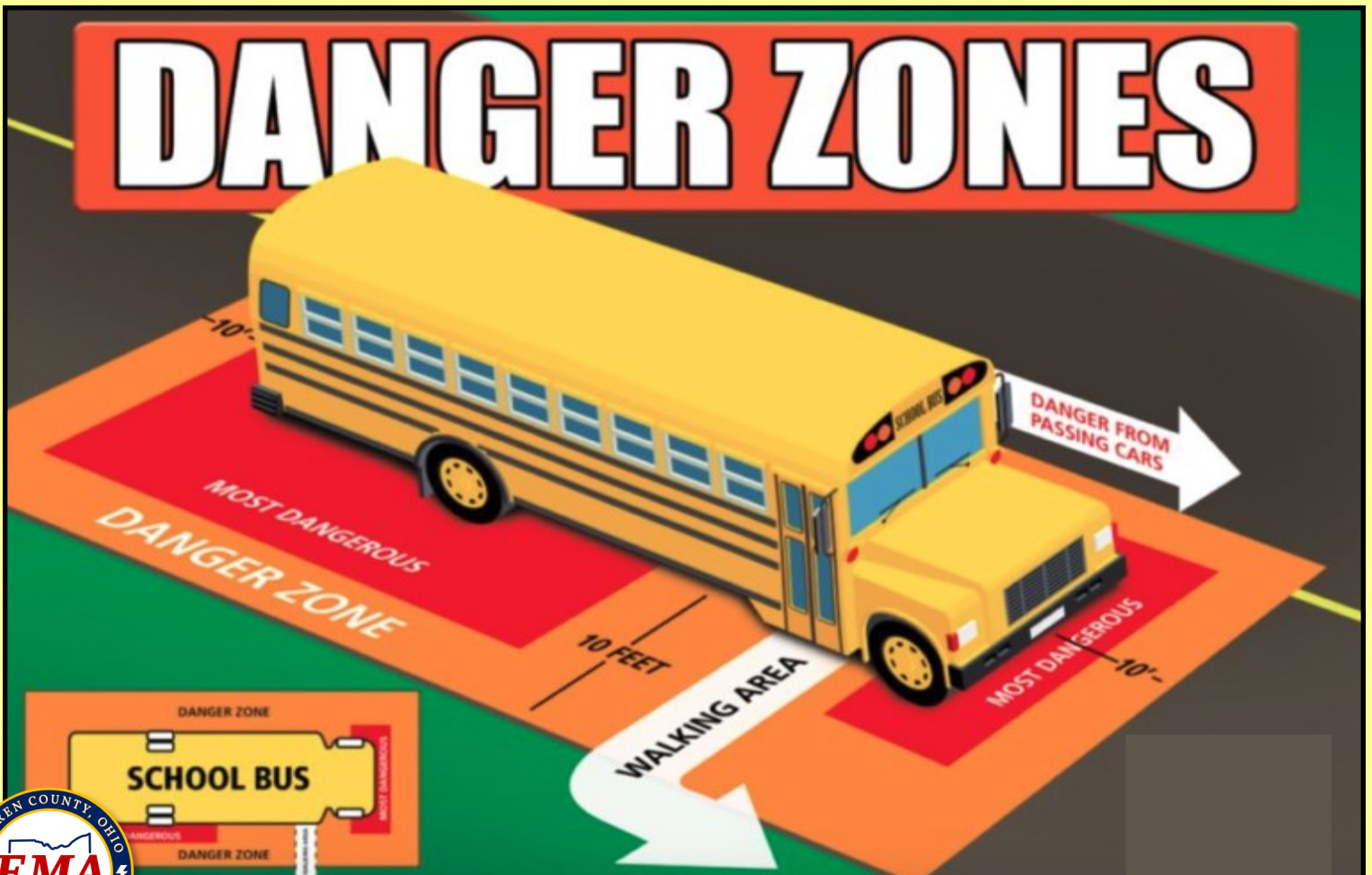
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**SCHOOL BUS
SAFETY**

Be Aware of School Bus Danger Zones

School buses have danger zones due to blind spots and passing traffic. Help keep kids safe as they get on and off the bus by reminding them to:

- Stand as far back from the curb as possible when waiting for the bus.
- Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and watch for the bus driver to signal that it is safe to board.
- Never cross behind the bus.
- Cross 10 feet (out of the danger zone) in front of the bus in full view of the bus driver, and wait for the bus driver's signal!
- Never chase after the bus.

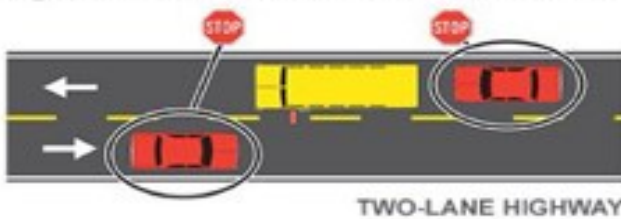


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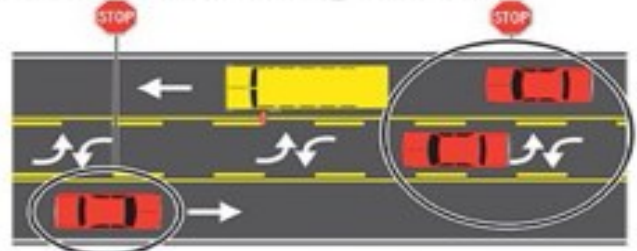


When to stop for a school bus in Ohio

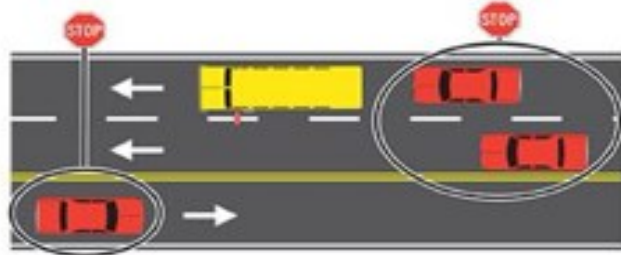
On a road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.



TWO-LANE HIGHWAY

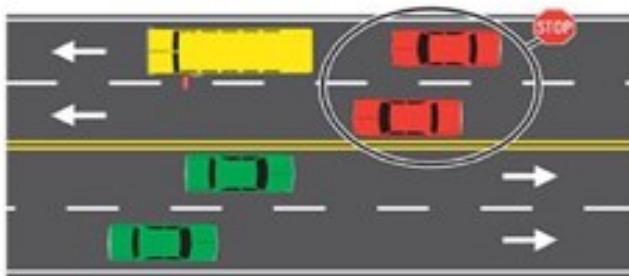


TWO-LANE HIGHWAY WITH CENTER TURN LANE

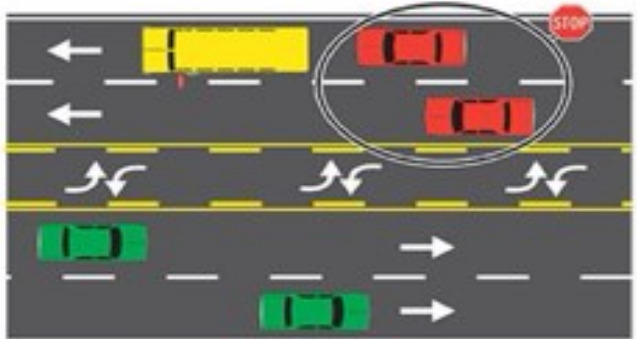


THREE-LANE HIGHWAY

If the bus is stopped on a street with four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.



FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY



FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY WITH CENTER TURN LANE



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**Want a
\$500 Ticket?**

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***It is ILLEGAL to not comply with
school bus **STOP** signs!***

Ohio Revised Code 4511.75 / Stopping for Stopped School Bus:

- (A) The driver of a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child, person attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and county boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a program offered by a head start agency, shall stop at least ten feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.
- (F)(1) Whoever violates division (A) of this section may be fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars. A person who is issued a citation for a violation of division (A) of this section is not permitted to enter a written plea of guilty and waive the person's right to contest the citation in a trial but instead must appear in person in the proper court to answer the charge.
- (A)(2) In addition to and independent of any other penalty provided by law, the court or mayor may impose upon an offender who violates this section a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of section [4510.02](#) of the Revised Code.



Mitigation Murphy says...

***“Everyone has a role in keeping children safe
in and around the school bus!”***

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