



# REDS FLASHING...NO PASSING!

*It is illegal to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing.*



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And

## 6 Demerit Points!

*School Bus Safety... it's everyone's responsibility!*



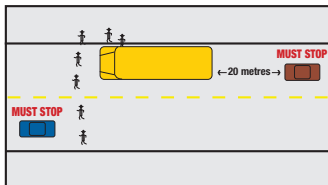
Safety is Our Commitment



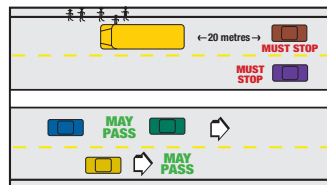
**As Motorists**, you must drive with extra care when approaching a school bus from either direction. When activated the overhead alternating RED Lights mean only one thing “this bus is loading or unloading children!” Passing the bus when children are loading or unloading is dangerous, illegal and could be deadly. That is why the consequences are so high.

In Alberta, the school bus driver will first signal the motorists that the bus will soon be coming to a stop to load or unload children by activating the **OVERHEAD** alternating **AMBER** lights - then, when the bus stops and the driver opens the bus door, the overhead alternating **RED** lights and the side stop arm are automatically activated.

**When a school bus is stopped and the overhead alternating red lights have been activated, traffic from both directions must come to a complete stop and remain stopped until the red lights have been deactivated.**



**The only exceptions to this law is when a motorist is travelling in the opposite direction on a divided highway:**



**As parents**, please remind your children to be extra careful when getting on and off the bus. Teach them to always obey the driver’s directions and watch for traffic approaching the bus from either direction before crossing the road. Also remind your children to follow their school bus driver’s directions promptly and courteously at all times and to follow all safety rules and policies implemented by their School Board. This will allow your children’s school bus driver to focus their attention on driving the bus, so that your children can be transported to and from school as safely as possible.

Statistics show that most fatalities and injuries to school bus riders occurred during loading and unloading. We thank you for taking time to read this brochure and doing your part in ensuring that the children in Alberta continue to be transported as safely as possible.

**The Student Transportation Association of Alberta (STAA)** along with stakeholder participation will continue to strive to ensure safe and effective transportation is in place for our children.