



Student Safety Information from the Irondequoit Police Department



DID YOU KNOW:

- That you can not pass a stopped school bus with its red flashing lights on – **EVEN IN A SCHOOL BUS LOOP.** (See Vehicle & Traffic Law section 1174-a)
- An estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses every day.
- In the last 4 years, 37 students were hit by motorists in New York State passing stopped school buses. Many of those students were seriously injured and one was killed.



THE LAW SAYS:

- It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing. Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students.
- You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.
- You must always stop for flashing red lights, even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.
- The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail.
- Worse yet, the memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life!

PENALTIES FOR PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS:

\$\$ -- FINES -- \$\$

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First Conviction	\$250.00	\$400.00	Up to 30 days
Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600.00	\$750.00	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Convictions (within 3 years)	\$750.00	\$1000.00	Up to 180 days

REMEMBER: Yellow lights mean the bus is going to stop. Slow down! **Red lights** mean students are getting on or off the bus. **STOP! STOP! STOP!**

For additional information, please call IPD Officer Andrew Whitaker at 336-6000 ext 2290 or New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee at (518) 474-5111.