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Safety Training for Scrap Transporters

Sharing the Road Safely with School Buses

Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, four to seven years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For this reason, it is necessary to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses:

- All 50 states have a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signal are used to alert motorists that the bus is stopped and that children are getting on or off the bus.
- All 50 states require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.
- While state laws vary on what is required on a divided roadway, in all cases, traffic behind the school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.
- The first 10 feet around a school bus are where children are in the most danger of being struck. Stop your vehicle far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert, children are unpredictable. Children walking to and from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risk, ignore hazards, or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
- Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

Drive Safely!



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