

# TRANSPORTATION NEWS

## SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES

Transport Canada has reported that school bus travel is the safest mode of transportation to and from schools. It's important to help make sure our roads are the safest they can be. Motorists are required by law with its upper red lights

When approaching a school bus as the flashing red stop lights see that you are going to you may **not** pass once the flashing lights are activated. If you are approaching the bus from the opposite direction and you are too close to stop, you may pass the bus if you do so before the arm is extended.



for everyone in our communities are the safest they can be. to stop for a stopped school bus flashing.

bus, begin to slow down as soon come on, so the bus driver can stop. If you are behind the bus

**The single greatest threat to the safety of children who ride school buses is motorists who pass the bus when children are loading or unloading.**

When approaching a bus that has its stop arm out and its flashing lights activated, as a driver:

- You must stop no closer than 5 m (15 ft.) from the front or back of the bus.
- You must not advance your vehicle until the bus driver turns off the flashing stop lights and deactivates the stop arm.
- Before moving, check to see that all children have safely crossed the roadway.

Red means stop! The penalty for passing a school bus with flashing lights activated is a minimum fine of \$335.

Watch for school buses loading and unloading children, even if the lights aren't flashing.

You do not have to stop for a school bus if you are travelling in the opposite direction on a divided highway. Some cities, towns and villages may have a bylaw prohibiting the use of flashing red stop lights and stop arms on school buses. In those communities you are allowed to pass the bus. Drivers are not required to stop for buses displaying four-way hazard lamps; **however, use caution, go slowly and always watch for children crossing.**