

Remember:

New York State Law states that drivers must **STOP** when the school bus red lights are flashing, even when the bus is ...

- ✓ On school grounds
- ✓ In a parking lot
- ✓ On a multiple lane roadway
- ✓ On the opposite side of a divided highway



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OPERATION SAFE STOP

In Collaboration with:

- NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee
- NYS Education Department
- NY Assoc. for Pupil Transportation
- NYS School Bus Contractors Assoc.
- State, County, City and Local Law Enforcements





WHAT IS “OPERATION SAFE STOP”?

It is illegal and extremely dangerous to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing. Even on divided, multilane highways or school grounds, drivers must stop for flashing red lights.

Operation Safe Stop seeks to promote bus safety through education and enforcement efforts.

PENALTIES FOR PASSING A SCHOOL BUS

Penalties for passing a school bus can include a fine, 5+ points on your license, possible imprisonment, and, worst of all, **the lifetime trauma of hitting or killing a child.**

Conviction	Fine	Possible Imprisonment
1 st Offense	\$250-\$400	Up to 30 days
2 nd Offense	\$600-\$750	Up to 180 days
3 rd Offense	\$750-\$1,000	Up to 180 days



DID YOU KNOW?

An estimated 50,000 vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses every day!

“OPERATION SAFE STOP” POSTER CONTEST



The Suffolk County Police Department is conducting an annual “Operation Safe Stop” Poster Contest. Elementary school students are invited to participate in the contest and submit their interpretation of what can be done to protect children and educate motorists about the dangers of passing stopped school buses.

One poster finalist from each school district will be chosen and sent to the Legislator’s office where the winner will be decided.

Submit your entry to SCPD’s Community Relations Bureau 30 Yaphank Ave. Yaphank, NY11980