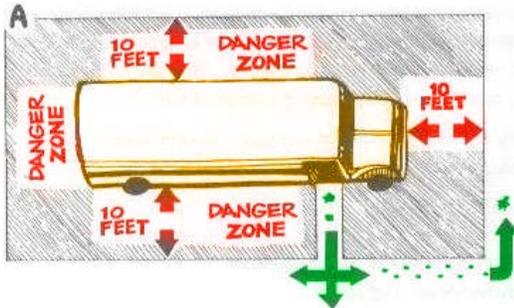


The Law
Florida State Statutes
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Speeding in School Zones
FS 316.1895



Traffic to Stop for School Bus
FS 316.172



Child Restraint Requirements
FS 316.613

Safety Belt Usage
FS 316.614



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What Florida Law says about...
Stopping for School Buses
TO STOP OR NOT TO STOP?
THAT IS THE QUESTION!



Dial 1-888-STOP-4-KIDS
(1-888-786-7454)

With help from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Florida Department of Education has initiated a toll free WATS line (1-888-STOP-4-Kids) for citizens to report motorists who pass school buses stopped to pick up or discharge students. When a person calls the "Hotline" they will be asked to leave the tag number, vehicle state of origin, and the time, date and location where the illegal pass was witnessed. The Department will send a letter to the registered vehicle owner informing them about the potentially tragic consequences of not stopping for a school bus. The letter will also advise them of Florida law that states when they must stop for school busses, including the penalties for the violation. Persons may also call the number to simply request information, which will be mailed to them.



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School's Open Drive Carefully

It's the start of a new school year, and the Members of the High Springs Police Department want to make sure all motorists, including parents, exercise extra caution near school zones.

The goal of the Department is to reduce serious traffic hazards faced by school children. According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), kids ages 5 to 15 make up 29 percent of the people killed or injured in pedestrian traffic collisions, yet are only 15 percent of the population.

Shorter daylight hours make it especially difficult to see young pedestrians and bicyclists. So as schools open their doors, it's time for everyone; motorists, parents, educators and students to improve their traffic safety practices. The following tips can help make this a safe and happy school year for the whole community.

Tips for Motorists

- Slow down in school and residential areas; speed limit in school zones is 15 mph (FS 316.1895). Watch out for children! They may be distracted and forget to look for vehicles.

- Remember to come to a complete stop when the red lights on a school bus are flashing. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopped to load or unload children. Florida law (FS 316.172) prohibits vehicles from passing a school bus while its visual signals are activated.
- Drive with extra caution in bad weather or when the sun is on the horizon.

Tips for Parents

- Teach children the meaning of traffic signals and signs.
- Show children how to use crosswalks and to obey School Crossing Guards and Safety Patrols.
- Teach children to look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT before crossing the street.
- Make sure children understand they must WALK across streets as they continue to WATCH for vehicles.
- Find the safest route, and walk the route several times with your child before and after school.
- Supervise young children as they are walking or riding to

school or as they wait at the school bus stop.

- When dropping children off at school, make sure they exit from the curbside doors.
- Do not double-park, stop on crosswalks, or block visibility for children and motorists.

Tips for Students

- Always buckle up when riding in a vehicle (FS 316.613 or 316.614)
- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet, and follow traffic safety rules when riding a bike.
- If riding a school bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus.
- If walking to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. Always cross at cross walks, obey all traffic signs, traffic lights and School Crossing Guards instructions.
- Be a good role model for younger brothers, sisters and friends, and help them learn and practice the safety rules.