

# School buses

School buses are operated at 90 km/h or less.

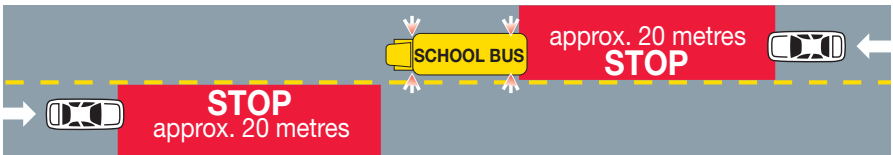
Students using a school bus can be at risk when getting on or off the bus.

## When school bus lights are flashing:

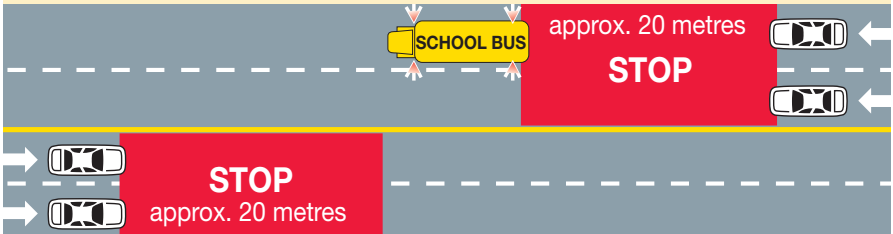
On an undivided highway (**not divided by a median**), do the following:

- When you approach a school bus from either direction (from the front or the rear), and it has the alternating amber lights flashing, you must be ready to stop. This is a warning that the alternating red lights are going to begin flashing and the school bus is stopping to allow students to get on or off.

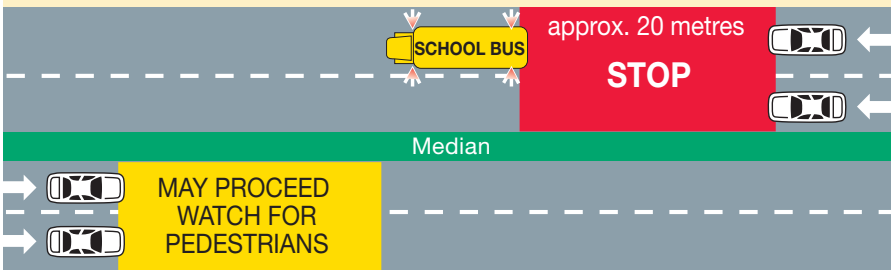
- If you pass a school bus that has its alternating amber lights flashing, pass with caution.
- When the school bus stops to let students on or off, its alternating red lights will begin flashing. You will also see a stop sign extended from the left side of the school bus. **You must come to a full stop about 20 metres (about four to five car lengths) away from the school bus.** This distance allows drivers of other vehicles behind you to see the flashing lights and students crossing the highway.



On a two lane undivided highway, both lanes must stop for a school bus.



On a four lane undivided highway, all four lanes must stop for a school bus.



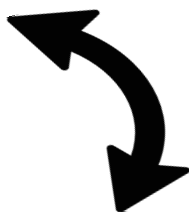
On a highway divided by a median, vehicles to the rear of the school bus must stop.

- You must remain stopped until the alternating flashing red lights are turned off and the stop sign on the driver's side is no longer extended.

On a highway **divided by a median**, do the following:

- When you approach a school bus **from the rear** and its alternating amber lights are flashing, follow the same procedures as you would for a highway that is not divided by a median.
- When you approach a school bus **from the front** and the school bus has its alternating amber or red lights flashing, you may proceed with caution. Watch for pedestrians. Remember, this is only on a **divided** highway.

These rules apply whenever and wherever the school bus lights are activated. Some municipalities have rules for school bus operation specific to their region. (See below)



In the greater Calgary area and Rocky View County school buses **ARE REQUIRED** to activate the alternating flashing red lights in:

- **ALL RURAL AREAS**
- ALL locations within the **COCHRANE** town limits
- ALL locations within the **CHESTERMERE** city limits

School buses **DO NOT** activate the alternating flashing red lights:

- Within **CALGARY** city limits (*except under certain conditions as per municipal bylaw 26M96, Section 38*)
- Within **AIRDRIE** city limits (*except under certain conditions as per municipal bylaw B-14/2016, Section 14*)