Give Kids a Brake . . .

STOP for the School Bus

Vehicles traveling in either direction MUST STOP when a school bus is stopped with its alternating red lights flashing and stop arm extended.

If found guilty of violating this section of The Highway Traffic Act, you are subject to a penalty of up to $655.65, and two demerits will be applied against your driver’s licence.

During the hours that school buses operate, drivers should be especially careful. Children waiting for the bus or getting off the bus might dart into the street unexpectedly. Observe flashing lights on the school bus:

- Amber flashing lights alert you that the bus is about to stop.
- Red flashing lights are used when the school bus is stopped to pick up or discharge students. The bus also displays a STOP sign with alternately flashing red lights. ALL DRIVERS MUST STOP BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BUS WHEN RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING. The only exception to this rule: an approaching vehicle need not stop where there is a physical separation such as a median between the two roads.