

REMEMBER . . .

Red loading lights are used only when loading or unloading passengers.

Stopping at a Railway Crossing

1. Begin slowing down 90 metres/300 feet from the crossing, activate the right turn signal, and depress the brake pedal momentarily to operate the brake lights.
2. Check the traffic front and rear. When approaching a railway crossing, and where conditions permit, pull to the right off the travelled portion of the road and brake to a smooth stop.
3. Stop the bus not less than 5 metres/16 feet from the nearest rail in a restricted speed area, and not less than 15 metres/50 feet from the nearest rail in any other case.
4. Activate the hazard warning lights.
5. Request complete silence from the passengers, shut off all heaters, fans, etc. or press the "noise suppression" switch if equipped.
6. Place the transmission in neutral, secure the bus by applying the service brake or setting the park brake, and open the service door.
7. Look in both directions along the railway and listen for signals indicating an approaching train.
8. If no train is approaching, close the service door and check the traffic both front and rear. Cancel the hazard warning lights and use the left turn signal to indicate you are pulling back into traffic. Proceed across the tracks quickly. (If driving a school bus with a manual transmission, do not shift gears until completely clear of the railway crossing.)

If a Train is Approaching

- ◆ Hold bus position; use the park brake.
- ◆ After the train passes, proceed across the tracks as previously discussed.

Multi-Track Crossings

- ◆ After a train passes, ensure that no train is approaching on another track prior to starting up. A second train may be approaching from the opposite direction.

Railway Traffic Control Devices

When a clearly visible electrical or mechanical traffic control device gives warning of an approaching train, a school bus driver shall stop the vehicle as previously discussed and not proceed while any such signal continues to give warning, unless a police officer or flagman directs otherwise, and that it is safe to cross.

An exception to the above instruction can be found in *The Highway Traffic Act* as follows: