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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY FACTS

According to the New York State Association of Pupil Transportation (NYAPT):
- There are more than 50,000 school buses in New York State
- School buses transport over 2.3 million children to and from school each day
- An estimated 50,000 motorists pass stopped school buses with red lights flashing each school day

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):
- School buses are the safest vehicle on the road
- Students are about 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus instead of traveling by car
Highway Safety Act of 1966 –
An act to provide a coordinated national highway safety program through financial assistance to the States

Goal –
Reduce traffic accidents and deaths, injuries and property damage
GRANT PROGRAMS

- **Child Passenger Safety**
  
  *Mini grants – fitting stations, awareness classes, check events, low-income education & distribution programs*

- **Highway Safety Grants**
  
  *Highway safety programs – motorcycle safety, distracted driving awareness, pedestrian/bicycle safety, teen driver safety, older driver safety, school bus safety*

- **Police Traffic Services**
  
  *Traffic safety enforcement – speeding, aggressive driving, distracted driving, seat belts, passing a stopped school bus*
Operation Safe Stop

- Education and enforcement program to create awareness about the dangers of passing stopped school buses
- This year: Thursday, April 28, 2022
Section 1174(a)

It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with red lights flashing

Must stop when:
- Approaching from the front
- Overtaking from the rear
- On public and private roads
- On divided and multilane highways
- On school grounds
# PENALTIES

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DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

- Section 1174-a
- School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
  - County, city, town or village-wide
  - Must be in coordination with a school district
  - Cost falls onto county, city, town, or village
  - Monetary penalties of $250-$300 for vehicle owner
THANK YOU!

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Passing Motorist
Continued Threat to our Student Passengers

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Statistics

NYAPT survey's - 50,000 illegal passings each school day

Stop arm camera data

Last fatality in New York - 1999 - New Rochelle

28 PM fatalities since 1960

Near misses still happen
Causes

- Distraction
- Hurried pace of our society
- Lack of knowledge of the law
Penalties

1174 violations
- First offense - $250-$400 fine and/or 30 days in jail
- Repeat offenders – up to $1000 fine and up to 180 days in jail

1174A Violations
- First offense - $250 fine
- Repeat offenders - $300 fine within 18 months
Education is the Key

Stop arm camera programs

Operation Safe Stop - April 28, 2022

Heightened media attention
Commit to Zero Passing Motorist Fatalities
Commit to minimizing distraction
Learn stop for school bus law
Education
Increase targeted enforcement
Thank You for Supporting School Bus Safety!
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