

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see!

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light, or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you, this can put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.



Follow these rules when a bus stops to pick up children:

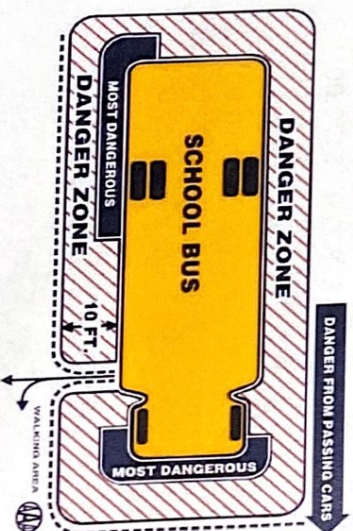
- Two-lane roadway:**
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- Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:**
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- Four-lane roadway without a median separation:**
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- Divided roadway of four lanes or more with a median separation:**
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

- All drivers moving in either direction on a two-way street must stop for a school bus displaying a stop signal, and must remain stopped until the road is clear of children AND the school bus stop arm is withdrawn.
- On a roadway divided by a paved median, all drivers moving in either direction must stop for a school bus displaying a stop signal, and must remain stopped until the road is clear of children AND the school bus stop arm is withdrawn.
- On a highway divided by a raised barrier or an unpaved median at least 5 feet wide, drivers moving in the opposite direction do not have to stop for the bus (painted lines or pavement markings are not considered barriers). However, these motorists should slow down and watch for students loading or unloading from the bus.
- The only time traffic approaching an oncoming school bus does not need to stop, is if there is a raised barrier such as a concrete divider or at least five feet of unpaved space separating the lanes of traffic.

Sharing the Road with School Buses

- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- Never pass a bus from behind - or from either direction if you're on an undivided road - if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Stay out of the Danger Zone!!!





**Slow Down
Be Alert
Obey Signs**

Keep Your Eyes on the Road

**Leon County School Zone
Traffic Violation Fines***

Speeding in a School Zone	
1-5 mph	\$156.00 - \$170.00
6-9 mph	\$156.00 - \$170.00
10-14 mph	\$306.00 - \$320.00
15-19 mph	\$406.00 - \$420.00
20-29 mph	\$456.00 - \$470.00
30+ mph	\$606.00 - \$620.00

Passing a School Bus on the Right
\$371.00 - \$385.00

Failure to Stop for a School Bus
\$271.00 - \$285.00

**Fine amounts vary between County and City limits*

Contact Information

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and
Bus Safety**

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Vehicle Safety Education

Focused Enforcement of Traffic Crash Hotspots

The Leon County Sheriff's Office is committed to reducing fatalities, injuries and the severity of injuries due to traffic crashes. Below are three primary issues confronting drivers on our roadways.

SPEEDING

- In 2015, 18% of drivers involved in fatal crashes were speeding at the time of the crash
- 27% of those killed were in a crash involving at least one speeding driver
- 73,000 crashes in Florida in 2015 resulted from Speeding and aggressive driving
- Speeding drivers involved in fatal crashes are more frequently found to have consumed alcohol and not wearing seat belts.

DISTRACTED DRIVING

- Talking or texting on your phone diverts attention from driving.
- Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds.
- Texting while driving at 55 mph, is the equivalent of driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed.
- 3,477 lives were lost in 2015 due to distracted driving alone.
- In 2015, 391,000 people were injured by distracted drivers.
- Teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

- Drunk driving is a 100% preventable choice.
- Every 51 minutes, someone in the U.S. is killed in a drunk driving crash.
- 2 out of 3 people will be impacted by drunk driving in their lifetime.
- Drugs, both legal and illegal (including over-the-counter, prescription, legal medicinal/recreational marijuana and illicit drugs) can impair driving skills.