

## School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement

Parents and caregivers rely on school buses to safely transport children to and from school. The safety of these children depends upon the driver to properly operate the bus and ensure the external visual signals are functioning.

But the safety of our children also depends heavily on motorists obeying the laws for approaching or overtaking a school bus which is loading or unloading passengers.

The School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program is specifically designed to reduce the number of violations and injuries to children resulting from drivers who choose to disregard safety and the law.

## Illinois Law Regarding passing a Stopped School Bus

You must stop before Approaching or Overtaking a school bus on a two-lane roadway. A warning will be given at least 100 feet (200 feet in rural areas) in advance of a stop. The bus driver will flash amber and red lights on the front and rear of the bus. The stop signal arm will be extended after the school bus has come to a complete stop. **You must then come to a complete a stop. You must remain stopped until the signal arm is no longer extended and the flashing lights are turned off or the driver signals you to pass.**

On a four-lane roadway where a bus is stopped in the opposite directions from which you are traveling, you are not required to stop your vehicle but you should drive with caution. [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)