

UPDATED AMBER-RED LIGHTING ON SCHOOL BUSES IN ONTARIO

What you need to know:

Ontario school buses have an updated lighting system to make it easier for road users to recognize when buses are slowing to stop and when they are stopped at the roadside.*

Be patient and leave space anytime you see a school bus.

When you see a school bus with **upper flashing amber lights activated**:

- This indicates that the bus is preparing to stop.
- Slow down and prepare to stop.
- If you are on a road with a median strip, only vehicles coming from behind the bus should prepare to stop.

When you see a stopped school bus with **upper flashing red lights and/or stop arm activated**:

- You must stop.
- If you are on a road with a median strip, only vehicles coming from behind the bus must stop.
- If you are coming from behind the bus, stop at least 20 metres away.
- Do not move until the upper red lights have stopped flashing and/or the stop arm is no longer activated.

It is dangerous and illegal to fail to stop for a stopped school bus that has its upper red lights flashing and/or stop arm activated.

*While most buses will use this updated system, a small number will continue to use "all red" lighting to signal when buses are slowing to stop and when they are stopped at the roadside.

