



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Info Guide: Truck Safety Around School Buses

SCHOOL ZONES

A school zone is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the 'SCHOOL ZONE' and 'END SCHOOL ZONE' signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



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SCHOOL BUS STOP ZONES

School bus stop zone signs tell you to drive at 40 km/h because you are near a busy school bus stop. Between the SCHOOL BUS STOP ZONE and END SCHOOL BUS STOP ZONE signs, do not drive faster than 40 km/h.



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Be particularly careful when passing stationary buses from 7am–9.30am and 2.30–5pm. This is when children are travelling to and from school.



SCHOOL BUS LIGHTS

Buses use signs and orange flashing wigwag lights to warn that they are picking up or setting down school children.

The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off.

You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



SCHOOL BUS HEADLIGHTS

When buses are dropping off or picking up school children their headlights will also flash. Be careful when approaching a bus with flashing headlights as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

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