



# Fact Sheet

## THE STATISTICS:

- More than 134,000 pedestrians nationwide, of all ages, are injured or killed by vehicles each year.
- Over 25,000 of school-aged children walking to and from home and school are injured or killed by vehicles each year. Many school-age pedestrians are killed in the hour before school starts and after school ends.
- 46% of youth pedestrian crashes are attributed to kids darting into the road.
- In 2016, a Florida Department of Education survey reported that school buses were passed illegally an estimated 9,600 times in a single day.
- A 2015 study by the U.S. Department of Transportation discovered that almost 395,000 people were killed or injured in motor vehicle accidents involving distracted drivers.
- 78% of people speed inside school zones. School zones are active before and after school, though the times vary by school and district. Speed limits are posted at the entrance of school zones.
- It will take approximately 20 feet to stop when hitting the brakes at 20 MPH in your car.

## THE ROAD RULES:

- You may only pass a school bus traveling the opposite direction and displaying the stop signal if there is a physical and raised median or an unpaved median wider than five (5) feet. You may *not* pass a school bus traveling the opposite direction if the median is made from pavement markings or painted lines. You may never pass a stopped school bus traveling the same direction as you.
- Your license can be suspended if you illegally pass a school bus displaying the stop signal.
- Drivers exceeding the speed limit in a school zone or designated school crossing area will be fined double for moving violations associated with that speed.

## THE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES:

- A new bill passed by the Florida Legislature, known as the "Cameron Mayhew Act," recently increased the penalty for accidents causing serious bodily injury or death that occur when passing a stopped school bus.



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