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Newsletter

Back To School Safety

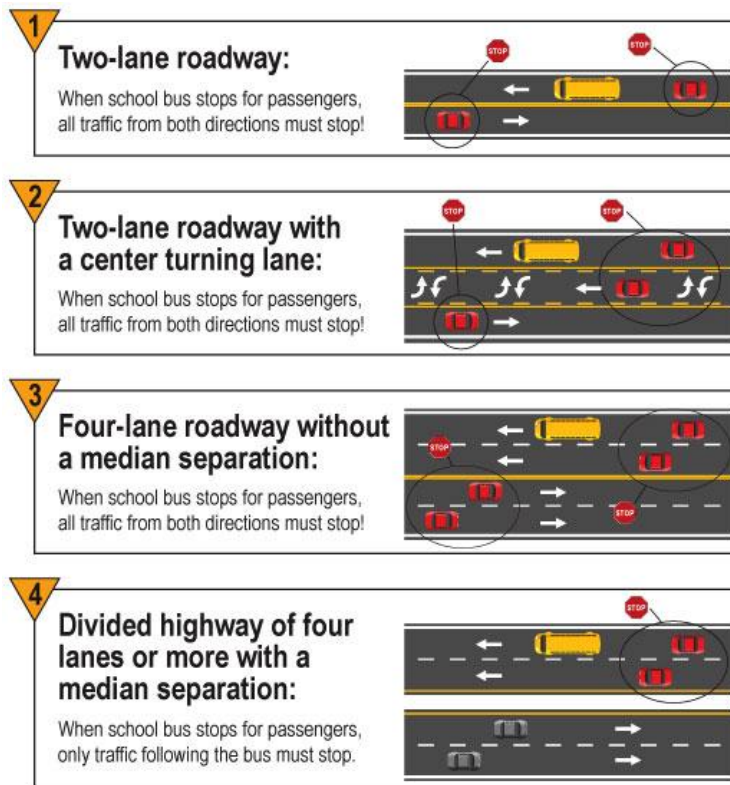
It is hard to believe that it is back to school season already.

- **Stop When the Bus Stops-** Always stop when a school bus has its stop sign extended and red lights flashing.
- **Maintain a Safe Distance-** Keep a safe following distance behind a school bus.
- **Be Alert in School Zones-** Slow down and be extra cautious when driving in school zones, especially during morning and afternoon hours when buses are most active.
- **Watch for Children Crossing-** Children may unexpectedly cross the road after exiting the bus. Be vigilant and ready to stop at any moment.
- **Respect School Bus Right of Way-** Buses often need to merge back

into traffic after a stop. Be courteous and allow them to do so safely.

- **Obey Traffic Signals-** Follow all traffic laws, signals, and signs, especially those related to school zones and school bus stops.
- **Use Caution on Rural Roads-** In rural areas, school bus stops may be less visible. Slow down and stay alert when approaching areas where children might be waiting.
- **Avoid Distractions-** Stay focused on the road and avoid distractions like texting or using your phone, especially near school buses.

- **Allow a Safe Distance-** If you're driving behind a bus, allow some extra room. 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.





- BRADLEY N.- TRUCK 615
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CVSA Brake Safety Week

Brake Safety Week is being held on August 23-29- inspecting commercial vehicles' brake systems. This year, inspectors will be focusing on drums and rotors (same as 2025).

During 2025's Brake Safety Week, commercial motor vehicle inspectors placed 2,296 vehicles out of service

due to brake-related violations. That is a 15.1% out-of-service rate.

CVSA offered some tips:

- Inspect visible portions of the drum or rotor as part of your pre- and post-trip inspections.
- Look for signs of cracked or broken pieces in the friction surface of the rotor.
- Look for cracks that run through to the outer portion of the drum or missing pieces, where visible.
- On disc brakes, pay attention to the condition of the rotor. Heavily rusted rotors across the entire friction surface indicate an inoperative brake.
- If the rotor is grooved, indicating metal-to-metal contact, that means the brake pads are worn and the shoe is making contact with the rotor.
- Ensure the rotor is not worn to the extent that the center vents are exposed.
- Make sure all repairs are consistent

with the brake manufacturer's requirements and guidelines.

- Note any issues in your driver vehicle inspection reports and report them to the motor carrier.

