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## Media Advisory

### School Bus Safety...Look for those Lights

The Nevada Highway Patrol wants to remind motorists how important it is to obey the flashing red lights and stop signs on school buses. "We want our kids to be safe around school buses," says Lt. Merschel with the NHP. "If you see a bus stopped with flashing red lights, you must stop."

Nevada Revised Statute 484B.353 states "**NRS 484B.353 Overtaking and passing school bus: Duties of driver; exceptions; penalties.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the driver of any vehicle, when meeting or overtaking, from either direction, any school bus, equipped with signs and signals required by law, which has stopped to receive or discharge any pupil and is displaying a flashing red light signal visible from the front and rear, shall bring the vehicle to an immediate stop and shall not attempt to overtake or proceed past the school bus until the flashing red signal ceases operation.....

Fines can range from \$250 for a first offense, to \$1,000 for a third offense with your driver's license suspended.

**NRS 484B.353** also states " (a) For a third or any subsequent offense within 2 years after the most recent offense, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and the driver's license of the person must be suspended for not more than 1 year. "

School buses are also equipped with flashing yellow lights. Bus drivers turn those on just prior to the bus stopping. So "watch for those lights", slow down for the children around bus stops, and be aware of blind spots where kids might be.



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