



SAFETY SHARE: BACK-TO-SCHOOL TRAFFIC AWARENESS

As students start the new 2024-2025 school year, driver safety tips in-and-around school zones and nearby school buses are imperative. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds all Texans to exercise heightened awareness and adhere to safety measures implemented to protect students, staff and fellow drivers this school year.

Driving Tips:

- Give students extra room and don't assume they are paying attention to your vehicle.
- Don't block crosswalks when stopped at a red light or stop sign.
- Reduce your speed when you spot a school bus
- Be careful around railroad crossings. School buses are legally required to stop at them.
- Remember, texting while driving is illegal in Texas.

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Quick Fact



Drivers who illegally pass a school bus face fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense. For people convicted of the offense more than once, the law allows for the person's driver's license to be suspended for up to six months. Criminal charges are possible if a driver causes someone serious bodily injury.



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