



**SCHOOL BUS**

2020 National School Bus Safety Week

# Red lights mean **STOP**

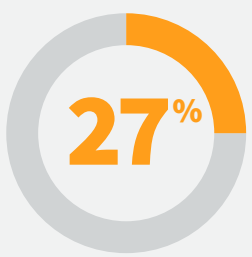
That's the theme for this year's **National School Bus Safety Week**, which runs **October 19–23**. The most serious incidents involving school buses happen outside the bus, not inside.

Because of COVID-19, many people have new or constantly changing schedules. Paying attention to school buses isn't their first concern. But it's still important because many buses are up and running. Take a moment to learn more about what's behind school bus incidents, especially in these challenging times.



## Thousands of stop-arm violations daily

In 2019, a one-day nationwide safety survey from The National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) reported that school bus drivers from **39 states** reported **95,494** instances of vehicles passing their buses illegally.



## Stop-arm violations put millions at risk

More than **27%** of the nation's school bus drivers (130,963) counted a total of **95,319** stop-arm violators in a single day. There could be more than **17 million** stop-arm violations committed throughout a 180-day school year.



## Injuries and fatalities see highest numbers since 2009

In the 2018-2019 school year, there were **70 injuries** relating to school bus crossings and **17 fatalities**.

Safety practices affect everyone on the road. **36%** of people injured in school bus-related crashes from 2008 to 2018 were school bus passengers, **8%** were school bus drivers, and **51%** were occupants of other vehicles.



## Bus safety during COVID-19

**60%** of students have returned to classrooms under either a hybrid or **100%**, in-person education models. Hybrid bus schedules cause more chaos. Stay alert and informed.

For more information on Zonar and BusPatrol's commitment to reduce stop-arm violations and improve school bus safety, visit [zonarsystems.com/buspatrol](https://zonarsystems.com/buspatrol).

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