



Whitehall Township Bureau of Police

School Bus Stop Extra Vigilance Requests

Keeping Children Safe



Considering the way we feel about our children I am sure this would be the preferred mode of transportation by some parents. However this mode of transportation mode is quite unlikely.

Reasonably, our children's safety is in the hands of the driver operating within the Commonwealth with the adherence, obedience and enforcement of the traffic laws.

It is also the responsibility of parents to teach their children to be observant and safe when approaching, boarding and riding on the school bus so as not to be a distraction to the driver.

Whitehall Township has the good fortune to consistently have parents and minor children present at many of the bus stops, with minor children while awaiting the bus's arrival. For that, the Whitehall Township Bureau of Police is extremely proud and grateful.

High Volume Areas

District	Enforcement Area Locations	
A-1	Virginia Avenue	Fernhill Lane
A-2	Fairmont Avenue	Thirteenth Street
A-2	Mickley Road	Jordan Parkway
A-2	Mickley Road	Presidential Drive
A-2	Overlook Road	Corinth Road
A-2	Overlook Road	Thirteenth Street
A-2	Presidential Drive	Eisenhower Circle
A-2	Presidential Drive	Georgia Drive
A-2	Presidential Drive	Shiloh Court
B-2	Fullerton Avenue	Summit Street
C-2	Presidential Drive	Gallagher Road
C-2	Presidential Drive	Hoover Lane
C-2	Presidential Drive	Monroe Avenue
C-2	Schadt Avenue	Beryl Avenue



School Transportation Information

The Whitehall-Coplay School District Transportation Services conduct their bus runs on Monday through Friday during the morning hours of:

7:00am – 8:35am

The afternoon bus runs Monday through Friday during the afternoon hours of:

2:45pm – 3:45pm

Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law

Your requirements and responsibilities as a licensed Pennsylvania driver are to obey the School Bus Stopping Law.

ONLY when the bus is on the opposite side of the street with a clearly defined dividing section or physical barriers providing separate roadways do drivers not have to stop on a highway or roadway.

- YOU MUST STOP when you meet or are attempting to pass, overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and the stop arm bar is extended.
- YOU MUST STOP when you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and the stop arm bar is extended.
- YOU MUST STOP on roadways divided with painted lines.
- YOU MUST STOP at an intersection whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. ALL TRAFFIC MUST STOP.
- YOU MUST STOP at least ten (10) feet away from the School Bus.

Pennsylvania Vehicle Code

PAVC 3345(a) Meeting of Overtaking School Bus

When a School Bus is stopped on a highway or traffic way with its red lights flashing and side arm extended, a driver following or approaching must stop at least 10 feet from reaching the bus and remain stationary until the lights on the bus are turned off or the children who may have alighted (stepped down or dismounted) have reached a place of safety.

The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a School Bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights on the School Bus are no longer activated.

- FINE..... \$250.00
- EMS.....\$10.00
- MCARE Surcharge (perPAVC6506)..\$50.00
- COSTS.....\$35.50
- JCP / ATJ.....\$10.00

Total Costs Due.....\$355.50

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania’s School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive the following additional Penalties including the above fine and costs:

- 60 Day Driver’s License Suspension
- Five (5) points on your driving record

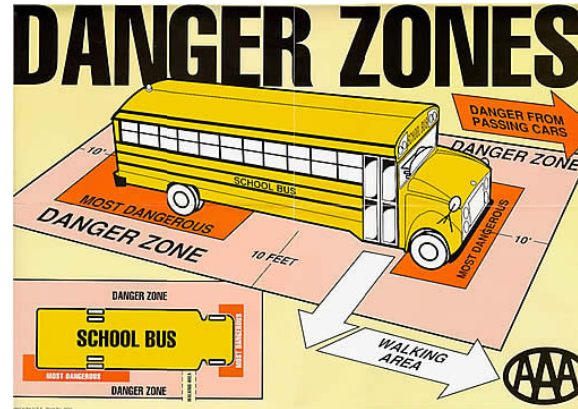
When in doubt, STOP!



I See the Driver – the Driver Sees Me

“I see the Driver – the Driver sees me.” Is the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s National School Bus Safety Week theme for 2011.

October 17-21, 2011



For more information regarding the Whitehall-Coplay School District Transportation Services or to report violations and concerns you may contact:

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Thank you from the
The Whitehall Township Bureau of Police

“We will be watching”

**WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
 BUREAU OF POLICE**



Pennsylvania’s School Bus Stopping Law

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