

## **This message is from the Leduc RCMP but applies to all RCMP Detachments – Getting On and Off a School Bus**

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The RCMP would like to remind motorists of the risks all students can be exposed to, when getting on or off the school bus.

Motorists travelling on an undivided roadway are reminded that when you approach a school bus, from either direction, (from the front or the rear of the bus), and it has the alternating amber lights flashing, you must be ready to stop.

When the school bus stops to let students on or off, its alternating red lights will be flashing and you will also see a stop sign extended from the left side (Drivers side) of the school bus. You must come to a full stop about 20 metres (about four to five car lengths) away from the school bus. This distance allows drivers of other vehicles behind you to see the flashing lights and students crossing the highway. You must remain stopped until the alternating flashing red lights are turned off and the stop sign on the driver's side is no longer extended.

On a highway divided by a median do the following:

When you approach a school bus from the rear and its alternating amber lights are flashing, follow the same procedures as you would for a highway that is not divided by a median. You must be ready to stop.

When you approach a school bus from the front and the school bus has its alternating amber or red lights flashing, you may proceed with caution. Watch for pedestrians. Remember, this is only on a divided highway.

Failure to stop for a school with its alternating red lamps flashing will result in a \$543.00 fine in addition to 6 demerits under the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation.