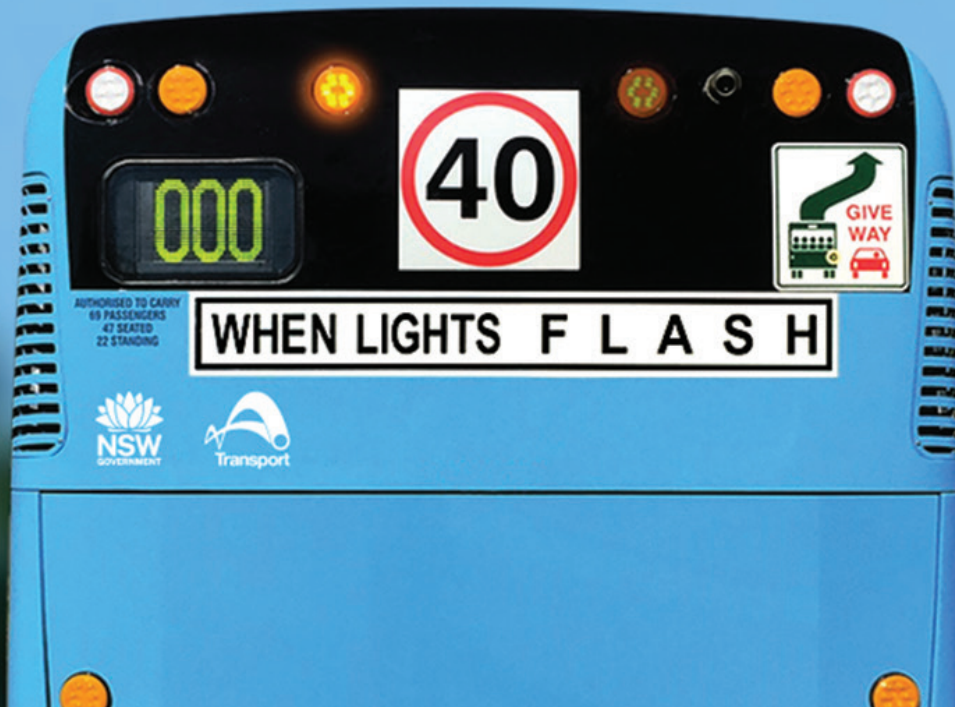


Road safety



Driving safely near school buses

Buses use signs and flashing lights to warn drivers that they're picking up or setting down school children, and that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

By law you must not travel past a bus in the same direction at more than 40km/h while the lights are flashing. This applies whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Buses cannot stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. They can also have much larger blind spots than other vehicles. So, remember:

- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing, unless a lower speed limit applies
- Watch out for children crossing, or about to cross the road
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.
- Give way to buses

Informal school bus stops

In rural and regional areas there are many informal school bus stops that don't have signs or structures, such as bus shelters. They may be at the end of a driveway or on the side of the road, which may make children difficult to see.

Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash, follow signs, and look out for children crossing the road. A stationary bus can block the view of children, so drivers need to slow down.

Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environment visit the families section on safetytown.com.au