

# Are stop arms the solution?

## Video clips showing the failure of drivers to obey school bus signals to stop.

1) Chicago's ABC 7 I-Team reports:

### **School bus stop danger: Drivers caught ignoring laws that keep kids safe**

<http://abc7chicago.com/archive/9444010/>

"After a nationwide driver survey in 2013, school bus experts estimate that more than **15 million drivers pass stopped buses every school year**. And the consequences can be deadly: 28 children have been hit and killed by drivers passing buses nationwide since 2008."

2) South Carolina's WYFF News 4 reports:

### **Drivers caught on camera ignoring school bus laws**

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/drivers-caught-on-camera-ignoring-school-bus-laws/25398306>

"People aren't stopping for school buses" even when the red lights are on and the stop arms are out. A parent who lost a child relates that the driver "[j]ust ignored the stop arm on the bus. Hit him going 55 mph, actually tossed him about 100 feet."

3) Connecticut's Eyewitness 3 News reports:

### **CT drivers disobeying school bus stop lights**

<http://www.wfsb.com/story/30093540/ct-drivers-disobeying-school-bus-stop-lights>

"When a school bus stops and puts on the red flashers, surrounding drivers are supposed to stop, however many don't." Four cities in Connecticut have issued over 100 citations each during the first eight months of 2015 alone.

4) Washington State's King 4 News reports:

### **Driver nearly runs down school kids**

<http://www.king5.com/story/news/crime/2015/04/27/suv-school-bus-video/26460861/>

"The lights were flashing, the bus paddle extended; but the driver didn't heed either warning" in this disturbing video.

5) New York's WIVB News 4 reports:

**Consequences of passing stopped school bus can be tragic, costly**

<http://wivb.com/2015/04/16/operation-safe-stop-day-shines-a-light-on-school-bus-safety/>

"Six children were killed by drivers who failed to stop as they were getting off school buses in the 2012-13 school year." A school bus driver says of motorists that "[t]hey ignore us, or they stare at us, and look straight through us, and [think to themselves] 'I'm not going to stop, I'm just going to go a little bit further' and [then] they blow through our reds."

6) Minnesota's 12 TV reports:

**Study: drivers not following school bus stop laws**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QG4fKrUvqQ>

"Every day we get reports from our drivers of bus stop violators that run through [the lights and stop arm signals]. It happens on a daily basis." In March of 2012, the Minnesota State Patrol conducted a one day study which found 530 violations in a single day. Most of the violations are from distracted drivers, an officer reports: "They say they didn't see the bus or the flashing lights."

7) Pennsylvania's WGAL 8 TV reports:

**Drivers Caught Passing School Buses**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gFkDgyqWwY>

One bus driver avers, "People are in a hurry. They're on their cell phones. They're not paying attention."

8) West Virginia's WHCS 8 News reports:

**Amount Of People Ignoring School Bus Safety Laws Out Of Control**

<http://www.wchstv.com/news/features/eyewitness-news/stories/Kanawha-School-Officials-Say-Amount-Of-People-Ignoring-School-Bus-Safety-Laws-Out-Of-Control-209112.shtml#.VgwtttaMo7cs>

This video shows several examples of motorists *actually hitting* the extended stop arms affixed to some buses in Kanawha County.