

## Travel safely in our community

In the United States, about 25,000,000 children ride school buses to school, and then return home on school buses. Motorists are required by law to stop for a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended and lights flashing. Unfortunately, when motorists disregard the law and pass the school bus, they jeopardize the safety of our children putting them in serious danger.

The School Bus Stop Arm Safety Camera Program is designed to reduce the number of violations and injuries caused by people who disregard the school bus stop arm; protecting our children as they board and leave the school bus and cross the road.

## Why install School Bus Stop Arm Cameras?

School bus stop arm safety cameras ensure our children's safety when getting on or off a bus.

Today, parents have enough reasons to worry about their children's safety — sending them to school should not be one of them. It is illegal and incredibly dangerous for a vehicle to pass a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended and lights flashing.

The Marysville School District is committed to the safety of our children and dedicated to reducing school bus arm violations.



## Protect our children.

Public safety is the highest priority of the Marysville Police Department and we believe the School Bus Stop Arm Safety Camera Program will help make entering and exiting a school bus safer for children in our community. These cameras are another way our department is using technology to improve public safety.

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## Information Resources

Public education is the key to making our streets safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Brochures are available at most county offices and district schools or can be downloaded from the Marysville School District website. <http://www.ms25.org/>. Representatives of the program are available to speak to your organization or group. Check the following websites for more information about school bus stop arm enforcement and other traffic safety issues:

**National Coalition for Safer Roads (NCSR)**  
[www.saferroadsavelives.com](http://www.saferroadsavelives.com)

**National School Transportation Association (NSTA)**  
[www.yellowbuses.org](http://www.yellowbuses.org)

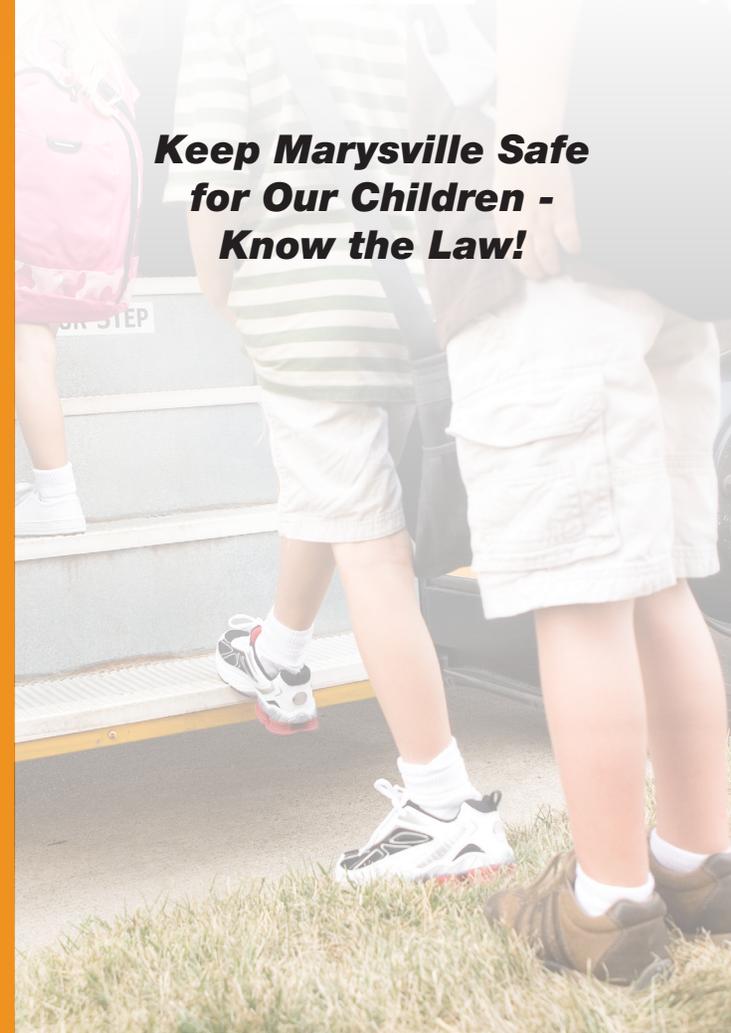
**National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS)**  
<http://www.nasdpts.org/>

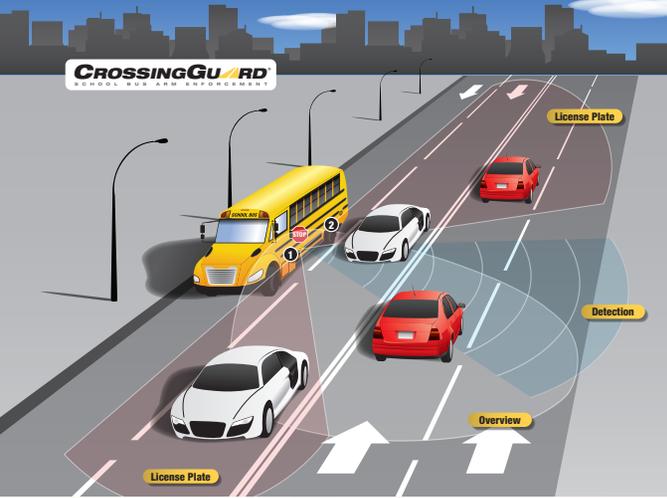
**American School Bus Council (ASBC)**  
[www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org](http://www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org)

**Operation Stop Arm**  
[www.operationstoparm.info](http://www.operationstoparm.info)



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- 1 Violation Detection and License Plate Cameras
- 2 Stop Arm Violation Overview Camera

## How the System Works

- Step 1:** Video Cameras are installed at key locations on the exterior of the school bus.
- Step 2:** When a school bus extends its stop arm, the system can automatically detect if a vehicle passes the stopped school bus within the enforced zone.
- Step 3:** If a vehicle passes the school bus, the cameras capture video showing the violating vehicle.
- Step 4:** Violation data is then wirelessly uploaded to ATS' Axis™ Violation Processing System for validation, processing and notice issuance.
- Step 5:** The violation images extracted from the video include not only the violating vehicle as it passes the school bus, but also the vehicle's license plate and the school bus' extended stop arm. The video of the violating vehicle is retained as further evidence of the violation.
- Step 6:** A final review of the violation image and video is conducted by law enforcement personnel, who then will approve or reject the violation.
- Step 7:** If the violation is approved, a citation is issued and mailed to the vehicle owner.

## Know the Law

1. The driver of a vehicle upon overtaking or meeting from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus when there is in operation on said school bus a visual signal as specified in **RCW 46.37.190** and said driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer activated.
2. The driver of a vehicle upon a highway divided into separate roadways as provided in **RCW 46.61.150** need not stop upon meeting a school bus which is proceeding in the opposite direction and is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children.
3. The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with three or more marked traffic lanes need not stop upon meeting a school bus which is proceeding in the opposite direction and is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children.



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Where are the school bus stop arm safety cameras located?**  
School bus stop arm safety cameras are installed at key locations on the exterior of Marysville School District School Buses.

**What do I do if I receive a notice?**

To pay online, go to [www.ViolationInfo.com](http://www.ViolationInfo.com) and logon with the information provided on the notice.

**How much is the fine and what about my driving record?**

Violators will be assessed \$419. This is a civil penalty, no points will be assessed.

**When and where do I stop for a school bus?**

The school vehicle is stopped with its alternating red flashing lights activated with the stop sign out and flashing. You should stop at least 20 feet from the front and 20 feet from the rear of the school vehicle.

**Flashing Light System**

There are Red and Amber Lights: Located on the top of the school vehicle. Their purpose is to warn other motorists of the school vehicle preparing to stop. You Must Stop -- It's the Law

**If I'm approaching the school bus on a two-lane or four-lane roadway with a center turning lane, do I need to stop?**

When the school bus stops for passengers, ALL traffic from both directions must stop.

**If I'm driving on a four-lane roadway without a median separation, do I need to stop?**

When the school bus stops for passengers, ALL traffic from both directions must stop.

**If I'm driving on a divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation, do I need to stop?**

When the school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.