Traffic Safety Bulletin
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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Since 2017, 6,200 traffic crashes involving school buses have been reported in Ohio. Among these were six fatal crashes that killed six people. Another 1,943 people were injured in school bus crashes over this time. The last crash that involved a death on a school bus occurred in 2010.

Franklin County (1,047) led the state in school bus crashes. Hamilton (848), Cuyahoga (535), Lucas (348), and Montgomery (293) Counties also had more than 250 school bus crashes each. Combined, these counties have accounted for 48% of school bus crashes since 2017.


Passing Stopped School Buses

Motorists approaching a school bus from either direction should remember they are required to stop at least 10 feet back from buses displaying red flashing lights and an extended stop arm. Drivers may not resume driving until the school bus begins moving. Since 2017, OSHP troopers have written 16,566 citations for passing a stopped school bus and other school zone violations.

School Bus Inspections

Ohio law requires that OSHP conduct school bus inspections for the state. Every bus used to transport pupils is inspected before the beginning of each school year and once randomly during the year. Since 2017, OSHP personnel have performed more than 185,000 such inspections.

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1 All 2022 data through 6/30/2022 and is provisional as of 7/19/2022. 2School buses with 16 or more seats only.