



Safety Alert



INCIDENT TITLE:

Driving Pass a school bus

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:

Approx 15:30 15/05/2023

INCIDENT DETAIL :

A Meridian employee traveling from Twizel to Kurow drove passed a parked school bus on State HW 8 faster than the 20km/h speed limit. This was captured with a cell phone camera by a member of the public picking up her kids from the side of the road /bus stop area. This was passed onto the fleet manager via a complaint.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If a school bus has stopped you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past the bus (no matter what direction you are coming from), if:

- the bus displays a school bus sign on which the lights are flashing, or
- the bus displays a school bus sign (with or without flashing lights) and has stopped for the purpose of picking up or dropping off school children.



School bus signs

Note: you may also see 'Kura', the Māori word for school, on a bus.

PHOTO

DT Driving tests

What is the speed limit for vehicles passing a school bus that has stopped to let children on or off?

- A. 20km/h
- B. 30km/h
- C. 40km/h
- D. 50km/h



The correct answer is A

Regardless of the direction you are approaching, you must slow down to 20kph if a school bus is letting children off, in case a child dashes across the road.

IMMEDIATE INTERIM ACTIONS:

- 1.Worker admitted the mistake.
- 2.Liaised with the fleet manager to get comms to member of the public.
- 3.Agreed to do some work to spread the word about the 20km/h speed limit behind/going passed school busses.
- 4.Have a look at the school bus signage to see if the Bus needs signage upgrade.
- 5.Called the member of the public and talked about the event and scope of actions to follow.

THIS SAFETY ALERT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE HEALTH & SAFETY TEAM. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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