

The following bus safety regulations apply for all school buses operating in Victoria:

BUS SAFETY REGULATIONS 2010 - REG 7

Devices for school buses

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), the operator of a school bus service must ensure that any bus used to provide that school bus service is fitted with complying lights and signs.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

- (2) If a bus used to provide a school bus service was fitted with warning lights before 1 July 1999, the operator of that school bus service must be taken to comply with subregulation (1) if the bus—
 - (a) Is fitted with a hazard warning device; and
 - (b) Has signs fitted to the front and rear of the bus displaying the words "school bus" in capital letters at least 100 millimetres high.

- (3) Subject to subregulation (4), the driver of a bus that is required to be fitted with either complying lights and signs under subregulation (1) or a hazard warning device under subregulation (2)(a) must ensure that the lights or hazard warning device operate when the bus is stationary on the highway for the purpose of picking up or setting down school children.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (4) A driver of a bus does not commit an offence under subregulation (3) if the lights or hazard warning device fail to operate due to a mechanical failure or other circumstances beyond the control of the driver.
- (5) If subregulation (4) applies, the driver of a bus must, as soon as reasonably practicable—
 - (a) Inform the operator of the school bus service;
 - (b) Cease operating the bus.
- (6) If a bus has ceased operating under subregulation (5)(b), the operator of the school bus service must not allow that bus to be used for a school bus service until the lights or hazard warning device are operational.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.