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## A CHILD'S LIFE DEPENDS ON IT STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

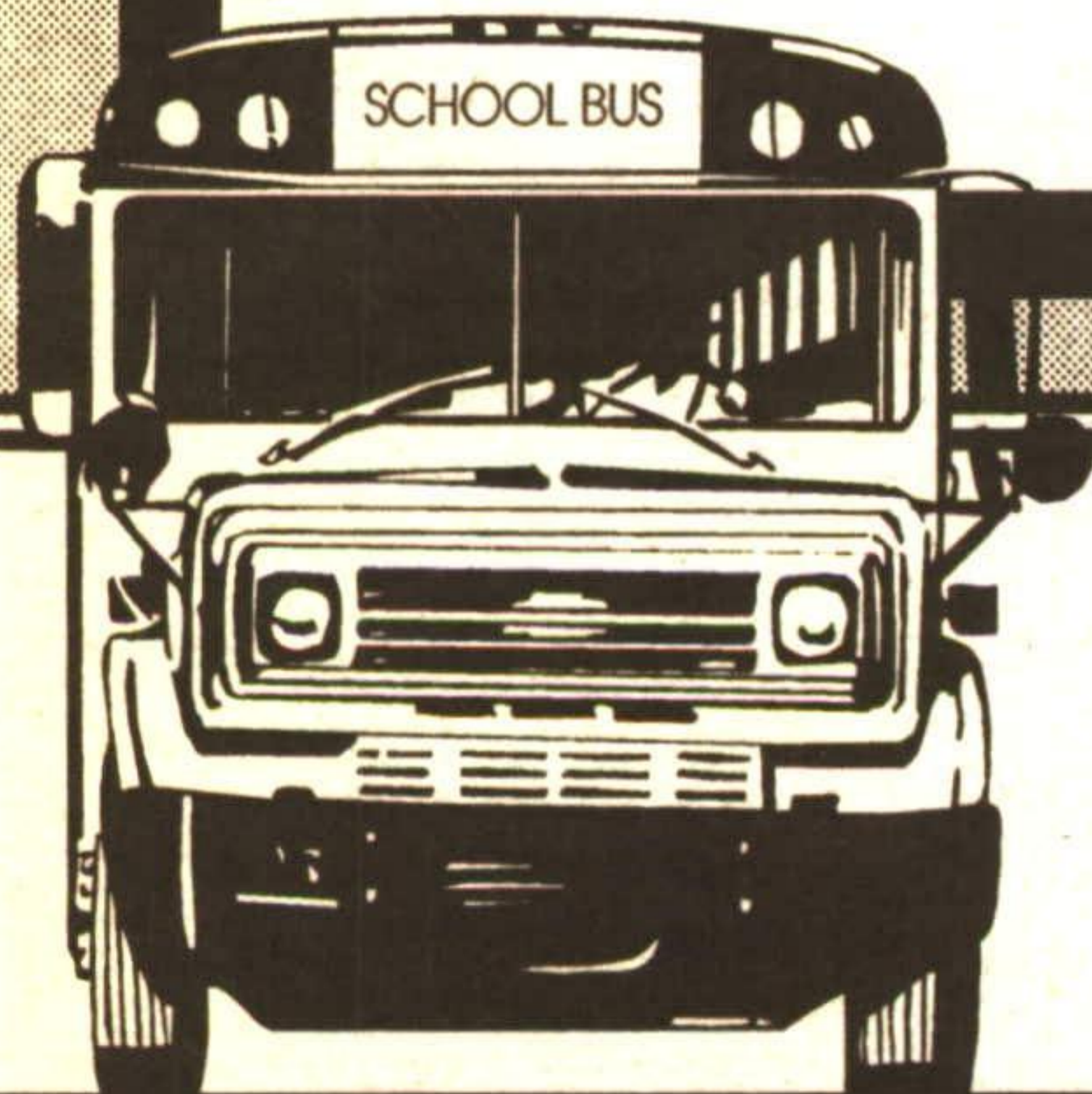
### 10 HELPFUL HINTS THAT COULD SAVE YOUR CHILD'S LIFE

1. Children must obey the rules of the school bus driver at all times.
2. Children should arrive five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
3. When waiting for the school bus, stand in a safe place at least five feet back from the curb.
4. Children should stay at their stops.
5. Wait until the bus is completely stopped before approaching.
6. When on the bus, children must stay seated until the bus stops completely.
7. Once off the bus, children must wait for the driver to give the signal before they attempt to cross the road. Even though the overhead red lights are flashing, children should look both ways before they cross the street.
8. Children should cross 10 feet or 3 metres in front of the bus so that the driver can be seen, and the bus driver can see the children. **NEVER CROSS THE ROAD BEHIND THE BUS.**
9. Parents meeting their children at the end of the school day should wait precisely where the bus stops, never on the opposite side of the road.
10. If children or parents have any safety concerns, they should notify the bus operator or the school immediately.

### SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW CHANGES

As of July 1, 1991, the school bus stopping laws in Ontario have changed. The key points in the new legislation are listed below. For everyone's sake, please become familiar with these changes.

1. Regardless of the purpose of the trip, when dropping off or picking up children under 18 years of age, school children of any age (not including post-secondary) or adults who are developmentally disabled, the overhead flashing red lights and stop arm **MUST** be used **UNLESS**:
  - a) the school bus is stopped within 60 metres (approximately five bus lengths) of a traffic signal;
  - b) the school bus is stopped within a designated, SIGNED school bus loading zone; or
  - c) the school bus is not stopped on a public road, but in an off-road location such as a school driveway, private driveway or parking lot. Note: "public road" includes paved or unpaved shoulders, curb lanes and parking lanes.
2. Drivers must **NOT** use the stop arm or overhead flashing red lights within 60 metres (five bus lengths) of a traffic signal. This means that where a signal exists, drivers have two options:
  - a) stop within the 60-metre zone without activating the overhead red flashing lights or stop arm (NOTE: drivers should stop as close to the signals as possible and remind children to walk to the traffic signal to cross the road with the light.); or
  - b) stop more than 60 metres before or more than 60 metres beyond the traffic signals and use the overhead flashing red lights and stop arm.



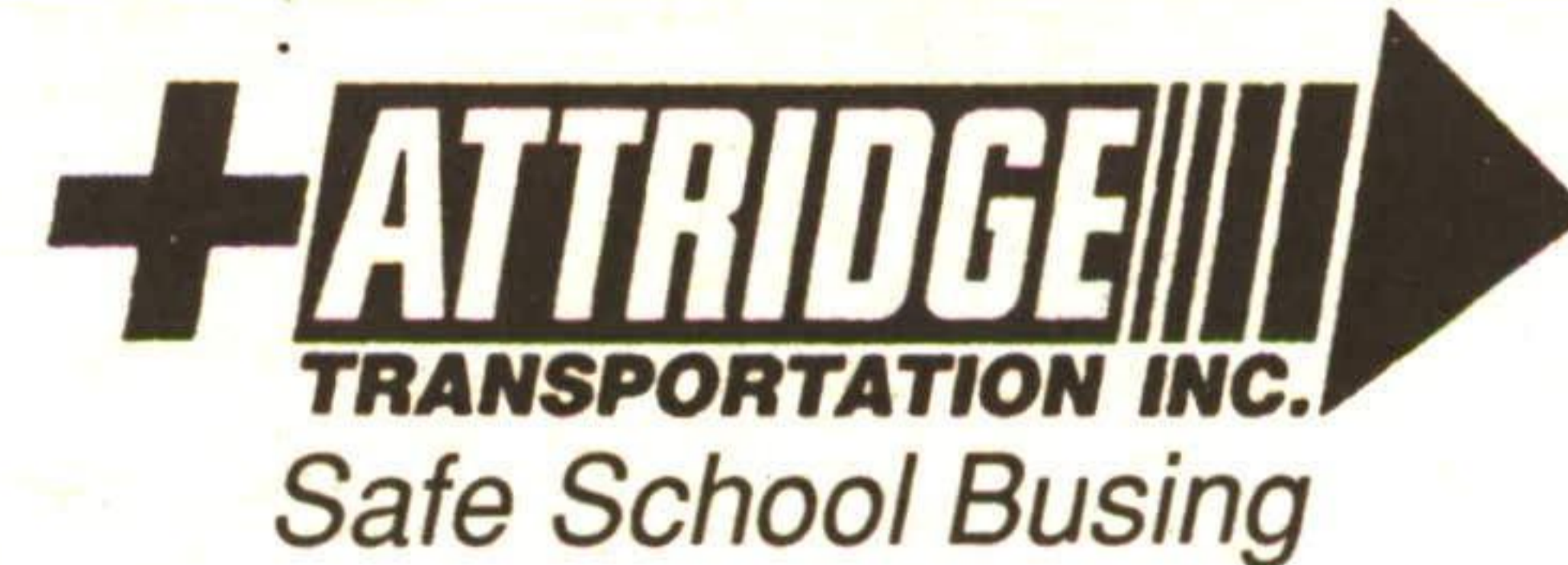
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