

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



BONUS INCOME: Please advise that the Federal Tax codes have changed (increased) for employee bonus income. We are currently working with Dayforce to explore other options to tax said bonus income at the same rate as other wages. There was no error with the calculation, as Dayforce is tax compliant. However, we have heard some concerns and are exploring alternative methods.

SPRINGTIME: Spring arrives on Thursday, March 20, 2025. With the arrival of spring, you'll start seeing more landscaping trucks and trailers on the roads. Please don't follow too closely and watch out for any flying debris from the spring cleanups. When driving on side streets, be extra cautious when passing these vehicles. The nicer weather also means more activity at school bus stops. Children might be running and playing while they wait for the bus. Keep an eye out for kids darting into the streets. Stop the bus 10 to 15 feet before reaching the waiting children. When it's time to discharge, remind them to stay at least 15 feet away from the bus. Keep the bus halted with red lights flashing until they have safely reached the opposite side of the street or are 15 feet away from the bus. Remind each child to follow the I.C.U – U.C.ME rule.



STAY ALERT FOR DISTRACTED PEDESTRIANS: With longer daylight hours and warmer temperatures on the horizon, more people will be out walking. This means an increase in distracted pedestrians who may not be paying attention. Professional drivers need to be vigilant and watch out for them. While distracted driving is on the rise, there's also strong evidence that distracted walking is becoming more common. As drivers, it's crucial to maintain a safe speed on the road. If there's a crosswalk, be on the lookout for pedestrians as they might be nearby. This awareness can help reduce the risk of pedestrian injuries. For pedestrians,

especially when walking in busy areas, it's essential to keep your head up and your eyes open. Talking or texting while walking can be a dangerous distraction.



NO EATING, DRINKING OR SMOKING [INCLUDES ANY CIGARETTE SUBSTITUTION] ON BUS: In accordance with company policy [SSPP Section 19.31] and state and federal regulations, drivers are prohibited from smoking, eating, drinking any liquid, or engaging in any behavior that may impair the safe operation of a Company-operated vehicle, whether or not passengers are present. This regulation applies to drivers, driver assistants, and students.

HEALTHY LIVING: Maintaining good health is crucial for bus drivers and driver assistants to ensure they can perform their duties safely and effectively. Here are some essential health tips: Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, eat balanced meals rich in fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins to keep your energy levels up. Incorporate regular exercise into your routine, even if it's just a short walk during breaks. Prioritize sleep to ensure you're well-rested and alert on the road. Practice stress management techniques such as deep breathing exercises or meditation to stay calm and focused. Lastly, schedule regular health check-ups to monitor your overall well-being and address any potential issues early. Taking care of your health helps you stay at your best, both on and off the road.



GET READY TO ROADEO! Suffolk Transportation is thrilled to bring back the ROADEO, where our talented drivers can showcase their incredible driving skills. Join us at our Safety and Training facility in Ronkonkoma on April 26th for a day of excitement, competition, and fun. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to be part of the action. To register, please contact [roadeo@suffolkbuss.com] by April 4, 2025. Let's make this Rodeo unforgettable!



Check out our Facebook page for our latest employee spotlight, Samantha Williams, Para Transit Dispatcher at 1980 Pond Road.

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