






Driving for the Conditions

Bus operators are expected to drive their schedule under many weather and road conditions. People are dependent on the bus to come and get them according to schedules. However, buses stop operating when the weather or road conditions make it unsafe for everyone - passengers and operators. Read how weather and road conditions affect the bus sectors.

	<h3>Urban Transit</h3> <p>Operators have to drive safely but still try to maintain the schedule. They usually drive main urban roads, which have priority for maintenance, so they can usually get through. If a schedule cannot be maintained a dispatcher will sometimes direct another bus to take over a route until the schedule is recovered.</p>
	<h3>School Bus</h3> <p>Operators must put the safety of children first, while also maintaining the schedule. Rural drivers have to pick up at the gate, so their road conditions will vary a lot. School boards usually stop buses from running if there are any safety issues. If the weather is bad, experienced operators leave extra time to get to the first stop so that the schedule is easier to maintain.</p>
	<h3>Accessible Services</h3> <p>These operators have to navigate to the door of the customer so weather and road conditions will affect their ability to carry out services. Services may be cancelled.</p>
	<h3>Intercity Transit</h3> <p>Operators are expected to maintain safety and the schedule. They can be challenged by severe weather and road conditions and may often be in remote areas where even cell phone communication is not possible. Operators may need to do extraordinary planning for these situations; such as accessing weather reports, communicating with police, etc.</p>
	<h3>Tour Transit</h3> <p>Operators are expected to maintain safety but have a more flexible schedule. They can be challenged by severe weather and road conditions. Operators of tour buses need to take extraordinary precautions to combat poor weather and road conditions just as intercity transit operators do.</p>