Bus Lane Enforcement

If you drive, park, or stand in a bus lane during hours of operation you face fines ranging from $115 to $150. NYC enforces bus lanes in two ways:

**Bus Lane Cameras:** The City has installed cameras along bus lanes to catch violators. Signs are posted along routes that have bus lane cameras as an extra warning for drivers to keep out of bus lanes, except for allowed right turns and passenger pick ups/drop offs.

**Police Enforcement:** NYPD regularly patrols bus lanes, and issues both moving and parking violations to bus lane violators.

For more information, visit:

www.nyc.gov/brt
How can I enter a Bus Lane?

To make a right turn on the street with a bus lane: Unless otherwise restricted, vehicles are permitted in the bus lane to make the next available right turn. To make a right turn from a bus lane, enter the bus lane safely toward the end of the block you are turning from.

To pick up or drop off a passenger at the curb on the street with a bus lane: If possible, arrange your pick up or drop off where there isn’t a bus lane — across the street, or on the side street, for example. However, you may stop in the bus lane for the time it takes for a passenger standing at the curb to enter or a passenger to exit the vehicle and get onto the sidewalk.

To make or receive a delivery to a business or residence on the street with a bus lane: You cannot pick-up or deliver goods in a bus lane during the hours it is in effect. Many bus lanes have mid-day hours when parking and deliveries are permitted. Some streets with bus lanes also have delivery space on an opposite curb or on a side street. Use these hours and locations for deliveries, or schedule the delivery before or after the bus lanes are in effect.

What is a Bus Lane?

It is a travel lane restricted to buses only during certain hours of the day. During this time, other vehicles may enter a bus lane only to make the next available right turn, or to quickly drop off or pick up passengers. Violating bus lane rules results in a $115–$150 fine.

Emergency vehicles are the only other vehicles allowed to drive in a bus lane. All other vehicles may enter a bus lane only to make the next available right turn, or to quickly drop off or pick up passengers.

Types of Bus Lanes

A curbside bus lane is a travel lane for buses at the curb. Parking and standing at the curb are not allowed during the hours the bus lane is in effect.

An offset bus lane is a travel lane for buses one lane away from the curb. This makes parking and standing at the curb still possible.

Why a Bus Lane?

Over two and a half million people ride the bus every day in New York City. Buses reduce traffic and air pollution because they are more space and fuel efficient. Bus lanes keep buses from getting stuck in traffic, making bus travel fast and more reliable.