



Traffic Safety Tips

No u-turns and No backing up

- Drivers should not make u-turns or back-up their vehicle in a school zone. The maneuvers are difficult and can make it hard to see children crossing the street.

Pedestrian Visibility

- Pedestrians should wear fluorescent, brightly coloured or reflective materials on their coats and backpacks to be more visible to drivers.

Avoid Driving into a congested school parking lot

- Avoid driving into the school parking lot to pick-up/drop-off children if congested. Encourage children to walk, cycle or take transit to school.
- If you must drive your children to school, park legally on a street near the school and walk to school. Fewer cars in school parking lots and in front of schools reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicle traffic. All signs and pavement markings that outline safe pick-up/drop-off practices must be respected.

Watch carefully for approaching traffic

- Parents should teach children to look left, right, and left again and always make eye contact with drivers of approaching vehicles before crossing the road. Pedestrians should continue watching for vehicles as they cross the road. It is important for children to learn not to assume that all drivers will stop.

Prepare for the unexpected

- It is difficult for children to see approaching traffic when they are attempting to cross the road between parked cars. Drivers should be cautious when driving near a school or playground as children may enter the roadway suddenly. Respect the speed limits and prepare for the unexpected!



In B.C. almost 50% of all children are driven to school. By driving children to school, parent-drivers may be creating dangerous traffic conditions around schools and playgrounds. To help create a safe traffic environment around schools and playgrounds leave your car at home and encourage children to walk, cycle, carpool or take transit to school.

- Parents and school officials have a joint obligation to establish clear traffic safety expectations for students.
- Traffic control measures and regulations are put in place to create safe conditions for all road users.
- Parking officers and RCMP play an important role in the community by educating the public and ensuring that all road users do their part to keep the roads safe.
- Speed Watch works with the community to promote traffic safety.

You can contribute toward enhancing traffic safety for children and other road users by respecting all school zone traffic control measures, parking, regulations and exercising these traffic safety practices:

- Respect the 30 km/h school-zone and playground speed limit.
- Do not stop in "No Stopping" zones for any reason.
- Do not park in "No Parking" zones
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all intersections.
- Give pedestrians the right-of-way when they are walking on a roadway with no sidewalks.
- Avoid driving into a congested school parking lot to pick-up/drop-off children
- Pedestrians should wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing to be visible.
- Pedestrians should watch for approaching traffic when crossing the road.

How can you help to improve traffic conditions around schools and playgrounds?

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Traffic Safety Regulations

Safety Regulation #1 **School Speed Zone** "30 km/hr"

Travel at 30 km/hr or less near a school from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on school days. This increases the ability of a driver to stop.

Safety Regulation #2 **School Zone Ends**

A driver is alerted that he/she has reached the end of a school zone by seeing the back of the School zone sign for motorists travelling in the opposite direction.



Safety Regulation #3

School Area warning sign

This sign alerts motorists that there is a school nearby and the presence of children on or near the road would represent an unexpected hazard to the driver.

Safety Regulation #4 **Playground Speed Zone** "30 km/hr"

Travel at 30 km/hr or less near a Playground daily from dawn to dusk. This increases the ability of a driver to stop.

Safety Regulation #5 **Playground warning sign**

This sign alerts motorists that a playground is nearby and the presence of children on or near the road would represent an unexpected hazard to the driver.

Safety Regulation #6

Crosswalk

Yield to pedestrians. If there is a crossing guard or student patrol, follow their directions.

Safety Regulation #7

Pedestrians on Roadway

Drivers are required to give pedestrians the right-of-way on roadways with no sidewalks. Pedestrians should respect the following regulations and traffic safety tips:

- On streets with no sidewalks, pedestrians should walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- On streets with sidewalks, pedestrians should use the sidewalk.
- Children should be encouraged to use the route to school with sidewalks and crosswalks, even if it is a slightly longer route.

What is the real penalty?

The real penalty for not obeying school zone traffic regulations is that you may jeopardize the safety of children and other road users.

It is important that drivers respect the traffic control regulations and safety practices discussed in this pamphlet to keep our roads safe especially around schools and playgrounds.

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