

Traffic Safety Tips for Parents • What Are You Driving At?

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CALGARY POLICE SERVICE SAYS:

When driving through a school zone, remember:

- Children do not perceive traffic like adults do – extra caution is needed.
- The maximum permitted speed is 30 km/hr from 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. on school days.
- Passing is not allowed within a school zone during the hours that the zone is in effect.

Do NOT park:

- within 5 m of a crosswalk. This ensures children are visible to other road users.
- in a bus zone. No vehicle other than a Calgary Transit vehicle may stop or park in a bus zone. You may not stop even momentarily in a bus zone.
- in school bus zones.
- within 1.5 m of a driveway or garage.
- within 5 m of a fire hydrant, corner, intersection, stop sign or yield sign.
- in a manner that impedes other vehicles from using the alley. You must leave a minimum of 3 m unobstructed width for the passage of other vehicles.



ABOUT U-TURNS - Parents are often seen making illegal u-turns in school zones. Save yourself a fine by reviewing the Alberta laws on u-turns.

FRIENDLY ADVICE

Encourage exercise! Help your child to walk or bike to school.

If you must drive your child, park five minutes away and walk. Even a short period of exercise is proven to significantly improve learning and behavior in school. (Learn more by watching a short TED talk by Dr. J. Ratey, MD, of Harvard Medical School at tinyurl.com/boostlearning1.) It's easier and safer to park further away, and you also prepare your child to learn that day.

Your child will follow your example. Don't jaywalk!

When crossing the street (at the crosswalk), raise your arm and use the Point-Pause-Proceed method. (Visit tsk.capscc.ca for details.) This strategy lets drivers know what you are doing, making it easier for them to stop and let you cross safely.

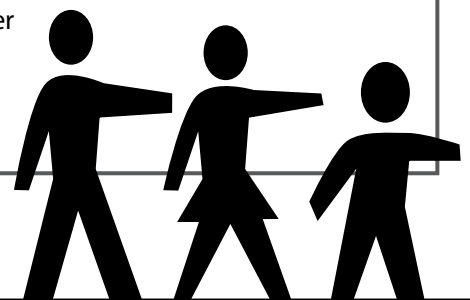
CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

If we all make a small commitment to safer behavior and do it for five days, it will make a big difference. Like doing the wave at a football game, small actions done along with others have an incredible impact.

FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS, I WILL _____

Need ideas? Have your child bike or walk to school | park and walk from further away | use Point-Pause-Proceed to cross the street | drive the speed limit | use the crosswalk (don't jaywalk!) | talk to your kids about traffic safety.

CUT OUT THIS COMMITMENT AND PLACE IT ON YOUR DASHBOARD AS A REMINDER.



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