

Crime Prevention Unit - Tips Page

Pedestrian Safety Tips

With school back in session there is a lot more traffic on the road including students walking, riding and getting dropped off at school. Follow these back to school safety tips to keep you and the students safe!

For Drivers

- **Give yourself extra time.** Traffic is more congested and your drive times may be affected.
- **Watch for pedestrians.** There are more kids walking, riding and getting dropped off in school zones. Children may be arriving late and could dart into the street without looking.
- **Slow down.** Reduce your speed and obey the signs - speed limit in school zones and near playgrounds is **30 km/hr.**
- **Stop for school buses.** If a school bus is displaying flashing red lights and an extended stop arm, traffic in both directions you **MUST** stop. You may only continue when the lights stop flashing.
- **Keep your distance.** School buses stop frequently - keep your distance and leave extra room for sudden stops.
- **Avoid distractions and focus on driving.** If you're on the phone, eating or sipping your coffee, your reaction time will be slower if a child darts out into your path.



For Pedestrians

- **Plan your route.** It's a good idea to map out your walking route to school ahead of time.
- **Avoid distractions and focus on walking.** Put away electronic devices, cell phones and ear buds so you can hear approaching traffic.
- **Don't jaywalk.** Always cross the road at an intersection, cross walk or with a crossing guard.
- **Be seen.** Wear bright clothes and/or reflective gear especially at night and in poor weather.



For Cyclists

- **Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.** A bike is the same as a car and must follow all rules of the road.
- **Wear a helmet.** Wearing an approved bicycle helmet that meets safety standards is the law in B.C. and you could be fined for not wearing one.
- **Reflect on safety.** Be extra visible with reflective gear on your bicycle pedals and wheels.
- **Use caution around parked vehicles.** Be aware of people in vehicles as well as taxis to avoid getting hit by an opening door. Try to keep at least one metre away from parked vehicles.



For more information

<https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/sharing/pedestrian-safety/Pages/Default.aspx>



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