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School zone safety

The rush of cars, buses and children arriving at school can create many dangers. Everyone plays a role in ensuring the safety of children when they are going to and from school.



Drivers:

- **Slow down** and be ready to stop for school buses and pedestrians
- Respect the crossing guard's instructions
- Be aware of children running in front of or behind buses or other obstructions
- Arrive early to avoid traffic congestion
- Ensure your child exits the passenger side of your vehicle
- Park away from the school and walk your child onto school property

Parents, teach your children to:

- Stop, look and listen before stepping out of the car or bus
- Walk only on the sidewalk and follow the crossing guard's instructions
- Be sure drivers see them before they cross a road by making eye contact
- Walk – do not run or cycle across the road

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