

SMART MOVES FOR A SAFE SCHOOL YEAR

With school starting up again, the roads are going to be busier with more traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists during the day.

This time of year means changes in traffic patterns, speed zones, and road use. So, stay sharp and be mindful of these changes in your community - let's all share the roads responsibly!

BE PREPARED:

- **OBSERVE SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDS**
- **BE ALERT AT CROSSWALKS AND OBEY THE CROSSING GUARD**
- **WATCH FOR CHILDREN**
- **OBSERVE SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS**



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OBSERVE SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDS

- Follow Posted Speed Limits: Always adhere to the speed limits, especially in school zones.
- Drive Slowly: Maintain reduced speeds throughout the day, not just during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Be Cautious: Kids may be out at recess, lunch, and during class changes, so adjust your speed accordingly.

BE AWARE AT CROSSWALKS

- Slow Down: Approach crosswalks with caution and be prepared to stop at any moment.
- Stay Vigilant: Always be alert for sudden movements or distractions, especially near schools.
- Drive Cautiously: Adjust your speed and attention in areas where children are likely to be present.
- Yield to Pedestrians: Always stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and ensure they have safely crossed before proceeding.
- Look Both Ways: Even if you have the right of way, double-check for any pedestrians who might be crossing unexpectedly.
- Obey the Crossing Guard: A crossing guard's job is to keep kids safe. If you are at a light and it turns green, you must still obey the crossing guard's signal as children are still crossing.

WATCH FOR CHILDREN

- Stay Alert: Children can be easily distracted, so keep a watchful eye on the road.
- Be Prepared: Quick reflexes could be crucial in avoiding accidents.
- Keep an Eye Out: Kids might step out from between parked cars, off sidewalks, or open car doors into traffic.

FOLLOW SCHOOL BUS PROTOCOLS

- Stop for School Buses: When a school bus has its stop sign extended and lights flashing, you must stop and wait until the bus moves or the signals are turned off.
- Keep a Safe Distance: Maintain a safe distance behind school buses and be prepared for frequent stops.
- Never Pass: Do not pass a school bus from behind or from either direction when it is stopped to load or unload kids.
- Watch for Children: Be extra vigilant for children getting on or off the bus, and ensure they have safely crossed the road before proceeding.

REMEMBER:

Remember to Observe, Obey, and Watch!
Safely share the roads to keep all our kids safe.

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