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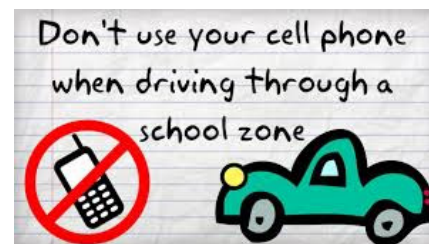
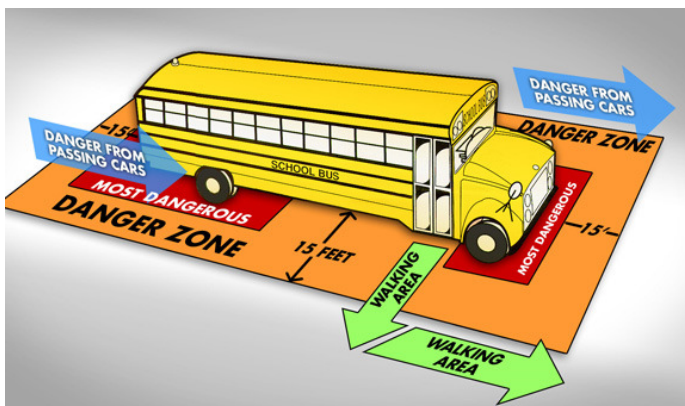
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Driving Tips to Keep Kids Safe

- 1. Reduce your speed.** Be more careful in residential areas where children are present. Respect speed limits in school zones and playground zones.
- 2. Stop for school buses displaying the flashing red lights and the extended stop arm.** In most cases, traffic in *both* directions must stop for school buses. Do not continue on until the flashing lights stop.
- 3. Obey crossing guards.**
- 4. Never overtake** other vehicles **within a school zone** or **within a half block of any crosswalk.**
- 5. Avoid U-turns and three-point turns in school zones.** Children can have a difficult time predicting these types of vehicle manoeuvres.
- 6. Give cyclists a wide berth** (a minimum clearance of one metre is the rule in some jurisdictions).
- 7. Shoulder check** before opening your vehicle door.
- 8. Leave extra time** to reach your destination.
- 9. If you observe reckless driving** or suspect a driver is impaired, pull over as soon as it is safe to do so, and report the incident to police by calling 911.



- 10. Choose public transit and active modes of transportation,** if and whenever possible. One less car on the road makes the road that much safer for everyone.

If you must drive your children to school

11. Let kids off away from traffic. Usually, that is the **passenger side of the vehicle**.

12. Walk a block. To help avoid vehicle congestion in the immediate vicinity of the school, consider parking a short distance away, and walk your kids the rest of the way.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Let's all do our part to keep kids safe this back-to-school season

Tips for parents/caregivers and kids:

- **Teach your kids to find a safe place to cross the road** – such as patrolled, marked or light-controlled crosswalks. Make sure that kids understand that they are sometimes impossible for a driver to see. Teach them to always look both ways and make eye contact with drivers before they cross the street.

- **Make it a rule for kids to stay off their cell phones or electronic devices while crossing the street** – make sure they focus on the road and surrounding environment.

- **Plan a safe route** – walk on the sidewalk and consider having your child walk with a friend or parent – or join a walking school bus.

- **Teach your kids to look out for parked cars** – as cars may pull out or start moving when they don't expect it.

- **Make sure your kids wear bright or reflective clothing** – so they can be seen in the dark or in poor weather.

If your kid rides their bike to school – make sure they always wear a helmet and clothing with reflective strips. Equip their bike with lights, reflectors and a bell. All riders should be properly trained to ride a bicycle and understand and obey the rules of the road

Back to School.

MOTORIST TIPS FOR CHILDRENS SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Do Not Pass
It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.



Seeing Yellow
School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children.



Seeing Red
Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.



All Stop
Traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.



Stay Behind
Traffic behind a school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.



Crosswalks
Do not block the crosswalk.



Distance
Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.



Never Pass on Right
Never pass a school bus on the right.



Look Out
Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, residential areas, playgrounds and parks.



Stop
Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard



Stay Alert
Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see.



Don't Honk
Don't honk your horn, rev your engine or do anything to rush or scare a child in front of your car.

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