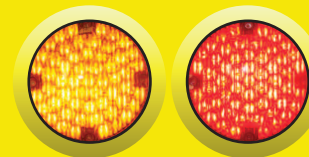


IMPROVING TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS



As the number of parents who drive their children to school increases, so does the amount of traffic around schools and playgrounds. As a parent, there are many things you can do to create a safe environment for your children:

- Leave your car at home and walk to school with your child.
- If your child is old enough, allow them to take Brampton Transit or walk, bike or in-line skate to school.
- If you drive your child to school, help create a safer environment by being aware and obeying the traffic signs around schools and playgrounds.

NO PARKING ZONE

Do not park in a NO PARKING zone. You may stop briefly to drop off or pick up a passenger, but you cannot wait in your vehicle or leave your vehicle unattended.



NO STOPPING ZONE

Do not stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason. These are areas where a stopped vehicle could obstruct the visibility of other drivers and pedestrians and increase the likelihood of a collision. You may see a no stopping zone in the following locations:



- Within 15 metres of a designated school crossing
- Within 15 metres of an intersection
- On either side of a roadway next to a school property, playground or park

KISS AND RIDE

These areas are designed to make it quick and efficient to pick up or drop off your children at school. Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the Kiss and Ride area.

FIRE ROUTES

Fire routes help Fire and Emergency crews access a building quickly in case of emergency. Blocking these routes, even to drop off or pick up your children, can be very dangerous for everyone. You can receive a fine for misusing a fire route.

CROSSING GUARDS

The stop sign carried by the Crossing Guard has the same legal authority as a stop sign at an intersection. This authority is defined in the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. You must stop when the Crossing Guard is about to enter the roadway with the stop sign in an upright position, and remain stopped until the children and Crossing Guard have safely cleared the roadway.



SCHOOL BUSES

On any roadway, motorists approaching a stopped school bus with its overhead alternating red signal lights flashing must stop at least 20 metres before reaching the bus. Motorists may not proceed until the bus begins moving or the red signal lights have stopped flashing.



SCHOOL AREA SIGNS

This sign warns motorists that they are approaching a school area. Slow down, drive with extra caution and watch for children.



SCHOOL CROSSING SIGNS

This sign warns of a school crossing. Watch for children and follow the directions of the Crossing Guard. Drivers are not required to stop when the Crossing Guard is not at the crossing.



PEDESTRIAN AHEAD SIGNS

This sign is an advance warning to motorists that pedestrians may be in the area.



PLAYGROUND AHEAD SIGNS

This sign is an advance warning to motorists that there is a playground close to the road ahead. There may be children on the road traveling to or from the playground.



WHY TAKE A CHANCE?

The real penalty for not obeying school zone traffic regulations is that you may jeopardize the safety of children and other people using the road. As a motorist, it is important that you respect the traffic control regulations and safety practices to keep our roads safe, especially around schools and playgrounds.



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