
Promote school safety

Park and Walk

If at all possible, park your car some distance beyond the congested area and walk to meet your child.

Car - Pool

Take turns with other parents sharing the driving. It will help to lessen congestion around the school and make it safer for everyone's children

Contact Your School Council

Contact your school association to discuss how your school can be made safer. There are programs such as Kiss n' Ride for drop off areas, and the City's Crossing Guard Program. The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's Community Services Division and the City's Traffic Division can provide information and assistance on other safety initiatives.

Other brochures available:

- Crossing Guards
- Children At Play Signs
- Speed Limits
- Pedestrian Crosswalks
- School Zone Safety

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What you need to know about.....

School Zone Safety



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SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

The City of St. John's considers pedestrian safety to be very important. No where is this more of a concern than in the vicinity of schools. Motorists must take extra care and caution, and parents must ensure that children know the proper safety rules.



A series of traffic safety brochures has been prepared that explains how different traffic devices work. Maps are also available for each school indicating the location of crosswalks and intersections with traffic signals. In addition, an Adult Crossing Guard Program has been implemented.

Safety in school zones is

everyone's responsibility

When driving in school zones, drivers must be extra alert. School Zone signs are posted on all adjacent roadways to warn motorists of schools. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all City streets is 50 km/hr. All crosswalks are signed and marked with "X"s and a double yellow line which indicates "No Passing".

Exceeding the speed limit or passing on the approach to a crosswalk may mean that you will be unable to stop should a child suddenly dart onto the road.

BE SAFE - DRIVE ALERT!



Dropping off Children

Parents can make their schools safer by following these rules:

- ***IF THERE IS A DESIGNATED DROP OFF AREA, USE IT***

It may take a little longer, but it is safer. Stopping on the roadway impedes traffic flow and frustrates motorists who may make unsafe traffic maneuvers as a result. When using the drop off zone, move as far forward as possible to leave room for other parents also using the area.

- ***OBEY ALL TRAFFIC AND PARKING SIGNS AND BY-LAWS***

The City of St. John's Parking By-law states that a person shall not stop a vehicle on or within 6 m's of a crosswalk. When a motorist parks close to a crosswalk children can't see oncoming traffic. The potential for an accident is high. In some cases the "No Stopping" area is extended on the approach to a crosswalk. The City has a no tolerance policy regarding vehicles parked in No Stopping areas near schools.

- ***ALWAYS OBEY CROSSING GUARDS AND YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS***

The Highway Traffic Act states that motorists must yield to pedestrians waiting to cross the roadway. Always be prepared to stop on the approach to a crosswalk. Children will expect you to stop and may suddenly dart out.
