



# Let's make our school zones safer for students

## Walk or roll to school

Stay active as a family by walking, cycling, using a scooter or another form of active transportation to get to and from school. It will help improve your mental and physical health, make school zones safer and reduce your carbon emissions to help our environment.

When walking or rolling to school, remember to:

- Use crosswalks or crossrides to cross the road to stay visible, when possible.
- Look both ways before you cross the road to make sure the intersection is clear of vehicles.
- Walk your bike or scooter across roads when no crossrides are available.
- Listen and follow all directions from your crossing guard, when present.



## Drive to school

Slow down and follow all road rules and signage when driving your student to and from school. Illegal parking causes dangerous situations.

When driving a student to school, remember to:

- Watch for students walking or rolling, especially when turning.
- Stop for school buses and don't attempt to pass them. Do not go until the red lights stop flashing.
- Plan to arrive at school early to avoid last-minute congestion for morning drop-off. School supervision starts 15 minutes before the bell.
- Never drop off or pick up students in a spot where they are forced to cross in the middle of a street, especially between parked or stopped vehicles.
- Consider parking five to 10 minutes away from the school and walking the rest of the way. This avoids congestion near the school, and provides an opportunity for some exercise and quality time with your student. To plan your route, see the [School Walking Routes map](#) for schools participating in the program.



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## Kiss and Ride

Follow the rules of your school's Kiss and Ride to ensure traffic flows smoothly and safely.

When using a Kiss and Ride, remember to:

- Stay in the vehicle if you are the driver or guardian. Only students can leave the vehicle with their backpacks in-hand on the curbside.
- Only stop at designated stops.
- Follow staff direction.
- Drive slowly and cautiously, signal lane changes and keep traffic flowing.

- Consider parking at a location that is five to 10 minutes away instead of waiting in the Kiss and Ride during afternoon pick-up. This avoids congestion and provides an opportunity for quality time and connection with your student on the walk back to your vehicle.



## Know your road signs

Follow the signs to keep our roadways safe for students getting to and from school. Failure to do so may result in a parking ticket.



This sign means absolutely **no stopping at any time** in the area between the signs. This includes stopping for a short time like during school drop-off and pick-up.



This sign means **no parking** in the area between the signs. You may stop and wait to let passengers in and out of your car, but you cannot park and leave your vehicle.



This sign means you **cannot make U-turns or 3-point turns**. If you need to turn around, drive around the block.



This sign means **no parking**, as you need to be able to move your vehicle immediately in the case of an emergency. You may stop and wait to let passengers in and out of your car, but you cannot park and leave your vehicle.



This sign means **no stopping** at the times and days listed in the sign.



This school area sign is a warning to drivers that they are approaching a school area and should proceed with caution.



This School Route sign may be found in your neighbourhood. They help guide the way to schools and alert drivers to watch for children.



This school crossing sign means there is a crossing guard on duty to help students cross the road. Students should cross with the crossing guard when present, and drivers should be extra cautious.