

School-zone Safety

With spring in the air, students are out and about more – walking, biking, skateboarding – generally just enjoying this great weather. We have already experienced a few traffic-related incidents around our schools this spring. We are thankful they did not result in serious injuries but we would like to remind everyone to be extra diligent around the city's schools and playgrounds.



Please review the following with your children.



CROSSWALK SAFETY as pedestrians

- **Students should make eye contact with all drivers** before they start crossing. If you can't see their eyes, they likely can't see you.
- **Never jaywalk or cross against the signal.** If you get dropped off across the street from school, walk to the nearest crosswalk.
- **Avoid distracted walking:** don't text or have headphones in around the school during high-traffic times.



BIKE SAFETY as riders

- The golden rule: **once you're in a school zone, get off your bike and walk** it the rest of the way to school.
 - There are so many things that can happen in a split second during drop-off and pick-up times. Car doors can open that you weren't expecting, crosswalks are busy.



For parents

SCHOOL-ZONE DRIVER SAFETY

- Remember – the **speed limit is 30 km/hr** in school zones on school days.
- **Respect designated drop-off and pick-up areas** and have your child exit and enter the vehicle on the side of the car closest to the sidewalk.
 - If they are dropped off across the street, remind them not to jaywalk and ask them to go to the nearest crosswalk.
- **Don't double park**, even for a moment. It blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- **Don't go around cars that are stopped.** There's a reason why they're stopped, and it's likely to let a child cross in front of them.
- **Don't attempt a U-turn or three-point turn** – these are dangerous manoeuvres that can confuse other drivers and pedestrians.



The City of St. Albert has compiled valuable resources:

Bike safety

stalbert.ca/city/eps/rcmp/traffic-safety/bike-safety

Back-to-school safety

stalbert.ca/city/eps/rcmp/traffic-safety/back-to-school-safety

Pedestrian safety

stalbert.ca/city/eps/rcmp/traffic-safety/pedestrian-safety

Point Push Pause Proceed

stalbert.ca/city/eps/rcmp/traffic-safety/point-pause-proceed



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