

ROAD SAFETY TIPS



The Do's & Don'ts of Road Safety

We all have a role to play in making our roads safe. Kids are still growing, and might not hear, see, or understand traffic the way adults do. Kids can't always tell how fast cars are going or know when it's safe to cross the street. Here are some road safety tips for walking, biking, driving, or busing to school. Let's work together to teach kids how to be safe on the road!

Driving Safe

Don't block intersections.

Whether parking or waiting for traffic to move, don't stop in an intersection, crosswalk, bike path, or driveway. Keep things clear to minimize congestion and help everyone get where they are going safely.

Let pedestrians cross first.

People walking always get the priority, or right-of-way, at a crosswalk or intersection. It's the law for drivers to stop at all crosswalks. Crosswalks may be marked (with paint lines) or unmarked (without paint).

Follow all parking signs.

Be aware, park with care. Parking rules are put in place around schools to increase safety. Here are some common parking signs you'll see around schools.



No Parking anytime. Drivers may stop but cannot exit the vehicle.



Parking is allowed. But remember: don't park in front of a fire hydrant.



No Stopping anytime. Do not stop or wait.

Drive carefully around school buses.

Drivers must stop for a school bus when it is loading and the 'Stop' sign is out. Do not pass a vehicle that is slowing down or stopping for a loading school bus.

Walking Safe

Look both ways.

Before crossing the street at a crosswalk or intersection, look both ways to make sure cars have stopped. Look left, look right, then look left again. Make eye contact and wait until traffic has come to stop to cross.

Always use a crosswalk.

Crosswalks, pedestrian corridors, and traffic lights let drivers know they need to stop, so pedestrians of any age can cross safely. Always cross the street at an intersection or crosswalk. Never cross in the middle of a block, between parked cars, or diagonally across an intersection.



Watch out for back lanes and driveways.

When walking on a sidewalk, look for cars in a back lane or driveway. Wait for them to come to a complete stop before you walk across. It can be difficult for drivers to see well in these areas, especially if they are backing up.

Biking Safe

Always wear a helmet.

In Manitoba, it's the law for kids and youth under 18 to wear a helmet.

Signal where you want to go.

Use hand signals to let others know where you want to go.

