

# **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Here are some tips for drivers, pedestrians and parents from ICBC to make travelling to and from school safe.



## **Drivers**

### **Stick to the Speed Limit**

A 30 km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. In playground zones, a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect every day from dawn to dusk.

### **Scan Crosswalks and Intersections from Left to Right as You Approach**

Watch for pedestrians waiting to cross, especially during school hours.

### **Leave Your Phone Alone**

Distraction is the leading factor for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

### **Notice if Other Drivers are Slowing Down or Stopping**

If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding to a pedestrian, so proceed with caution and be prepared to stop.

### **Give Yourself Enough Stopping Distance**

You need more time to stop when you're driving fast. At a slower speed, motorists have better chance to react when children or others are crossing the road. This could be the difference that saves a life.

### **Watch for School Buses**

When their lights are flashing, vehicles approaching from both directions must stop.

## **Pedestrians**

### **Cross Only at Marked or Controlled Crosswalks**

Do not jaywalk or cross when it isn't your turn.

### **Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Street**

Ensure it is safe to cross from both directions of traffic before setting foot on the crosswalk.

### **Make Eye Contact with Drivers Approaching the Crosswalk**

Be certain they see you and that they've committed to slowing down to a stop.

### **Double-Check Lights and Signals are Working at Controlled Crosswalks**

Make sure that the flashing traffic lights are operational and haven't timed out before crossing.

## **Parents**

### **Let Your Child Enter and Exit Your Car on the Side Closest to the Sidewalk**

It's safest to drop off and pick up as close to the sidewalk as possible. Do not allow your child to cross mid-block.

### **Before Starting Your Car, Check for Small Children Hidden from Your View**

Walk around your car and always look carefully for pedestrians when backing up.