How Drivers Can Make School Zones Safer

1. Reduce Your Speed

Be aware of an upcoming school zone and reduce your speed. In most areas, the speed limit through a school zone is between 10 and 20 mph. Reduce your speed through the school zone.

3. Look for Pedestrians

Be on the lookout for kids darting into traffic or dodging cars to get across the street. Not all children will use a crosswalk. Don't tailgate, and be prepared to stop.

5. Obey Crossing Guards

Most school zones will be controlled by crossing guards or others who are legally permitted to control traffic. Look for these people and do what they say. They take precedence over any signage in the area.



2. Look for Increased Traffic

Traffic can become congested during drop off and pick up times so plan accordingly. You may need to get up earlier or leave work a few minutes later if you hope to avoid the congestion.

4. Know the Bus Rules

When the red lights are on and the stop sign is extended from the side, you cannot pass the bus. Doing so will land you a hefty traffic ticket in New York, and could lead to a tragic injury.

FAST FACTS

- -Five teenage pedestrians are killed every week in the United States.
- -Since 2013, the country has seen a 13 percent increase in pedestrian deaths for this age group.
- -In 2015, children ages 12 through 19 made up 26 percent of all children between 0 and 19 years of age. Despite this, they made up half of all pedestrian fatalities.

