



School Has Started. Watch Out For Our Children.

BE ALERT TO VISUAL CUES:

Watch for school zone signs, cross walks, school crossing guards, buses, and kids walking along the roadway. Around parked cars, watch for shadows and motion-signs that a child may be present.

SLOW

SLOW DOWN: At only 20 mph, a car travels 41 feet between the time you see a child and actually stop. If you're sleepy or distracted, reaction time and stopping distances increase. Worn tires and wet pavement have a similar effect.

SLOW

ALLOW YOURSELF TIME TO REACT: On two-lane streets, move as close to the center line as possible, allowing room for bicyclists and pedestrians. As mornings become darker this fall, drive with your headlights on so that you can see and also be seen.

SLOW

USE YOUR HORN JUDICIOUSLY: A light touch is all that's really necessary, whereas a blast might scare a child.

SLOW

USE CAUTION AROUND BUSES: Motorists are required to stop for loading/unloading buses and remain stopped as long as the bus has its red lights flashing and stop sign extended. However, drivers on multi-lane highways (more than 4 lanes) need not stop for loading/unloading school buses traveling in the **OPPOSITE** direction. Keep in mind that buses require extra room for turning at intersections.

SLOW

BE PATIENT, PARTICULARLY ON THE WAY HOME:

Risk of accidents is **FOUR** times greater in the afternoon - due to human psychology. Drivers are less alert and are irritable after a long day at the office. Kids, however, are excited to be out of school. As frustrating as it may be, keep your temper. Being two minutes late for dinner won't kill you or anyone else. Rushing just might.

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