



Vigilance
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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The safety of the students and other drivers is a priority for the Calgary Police Service. We have received concerns from community members about some unsafe driving around the school and we are hoping you can assist us with making this area as safe as possible for everyone.

School start and end times can make the roads very congested. To keep children safe, it is very important everyone obeys the law as defined in Alberta's Traffic Safety Act.

Commonly Observed Traffic Violations

- **Illegal U-turn \$155** - U -turns are illegal between intersections, alley junctions, when prohibited by sign, at traffic signals and when unsafe. The only place to legally do a U-turn is at an intersection not controlled by lights as long as it can be done safely and there is no sign indicating that you can't.
- **Pedestrian J-walk \$78**- If there is a marked crosswalk on the block, you **MUST** use it to cross. Please help to teach your children the proper way to cross the street and lead by example.
- **Seatbelts! \$155** - It is an offense to operate a vehicle without wearing a seatbelt or to have children not wearing a seatbelt. Please ensure your child seats are properly secured.
- **Impede/block traffic (double parking) \$115** - Double parking is stopping alongside another vehicle in the middle of a street to drop off your child. This adds to congestion because you are backing up traffic behind you while you let your child out of the vehicle. This also puts your child in a dangerous position as they will be walking between two cars parked after being let out. These vehicles are not expecting little ones to walk behind them and may back up into your child.
- **Distracted driving** (use handheld cell phone, etc.) **\$287 + 3 demerits!**
- **Disobey posted signs** (includes no stopping zones) **\$233**
- **Fail to yield for pedestrian in crosswalk \$776**
- **Commit act that takes a driver's attention off the road (Pedestrian's included) \$543**
- **Stopping or parking in a bus zone \$75**
- **Parking in front of or within 1.5 meters of driveway/garage \$75**
- **Speeding- \$105 for 10km/h over, \$167 for 20 km/h over, \$239 for 30 km/h over-**

We ask that you please adjust your driving behaviour accordingly to assist keeping everyone safe and avoid being issued a ticket. "Running late" is not an excuse to break the law.

Remember to choose safety over convenience.