

# Road safety at school

## Tips and tricks for parents and guardians

Children start developing their understanding of road safety when they are as young as three.

Parents may not be aware of how their driving habits can influence their children's future road safety attitudes and behaviour.

Driving responsibly around schools not only keeps children safe, but it also sets a positive example for them during their important formative years.

### What can you do to help?

There are many things that parents and guardians can do to keep children safe in school zones, such as:

- Always be aware of children, both yours and others
- Drive within speed limits, including in school zones
- Encourage walking or cycling to school
- Plan your trip so you arrive with time to spare in case you have to walk
- Use crosswalks at all times
- Drive and behave responsibly – saving a couple of minutes is not worth the risk
- Avoid parking on footpaths to make travel safer for those walking or cycling
- Adhere to parking restrictions – stopping or parking in restricted areas endangers others
- Ensure your vehicle faces the same way as traffic flow when parking or stopping.

The City of Swan has a dedicated school parking restrictions program. Parking officers patrol schools and issue infringements to drivers who:

- Stop or park on a footpath
- Stop or park on a verge without consent
- Park in a “no parking” area
- Stop in a “no stopping” area
- Park in a way that obstructs an intersection
- Park facing against traffic flow
- Park in a way that obstructs a driveway, access way or crossing
- Park on a median strip
- Double-park
- Park in a bus zone.

For a list of modified penalties, please visit the City's website.

