



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



With the start of the school year just around the corner the Carstairs Peace Officers would like to share some tips to keep Students and Drivers safe.

Social Distancing is in affect for 2020/2021 School Year

Carstairs Peace Officer's recommend that parents talk to their children about the following safety tips when headed to and from school:

- Never walk or ride a bicycle while texting. If you need to respond to a text, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk. This will help ensure no one runs into you.
- Never cross the street while using an electronic device as it is a distraction and you will not be able to see any possible vehicles coming towards you.
- Always get off your bike and walk it across the street.
- Look left, then right, then left again before crossing the street.
- Cross only at designated crosswalks or when safe to do so at an intersection.
- Do not wear earbuds while walking across the street and stay alert for vehicles.
- ALWAYS listen to our amazing Crossing Guards who are there to keep you safe!!

Drivers should be on increased alert when traveling through school zones and should NEVER text and drive. Additionally, we want to remind operators to:

- Please keep your eyes on the road, watch your speed and look for students at all times.
- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing at a crosswalk or intersection.
- Never go around a school bus that has its lights activated and stop sign out.
- Always stop for a crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Do not honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

As with every school year, Peace Officer's will continue to be proactive in school zone patrols to ensure ALL students and motorists arrive to their destination safely. We appreciate everyone's co-operation with following all traffic signs and looking out for each other. We wish everyone a safe and successful school year!

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