

SCHOOL ZONE

Road Safety News

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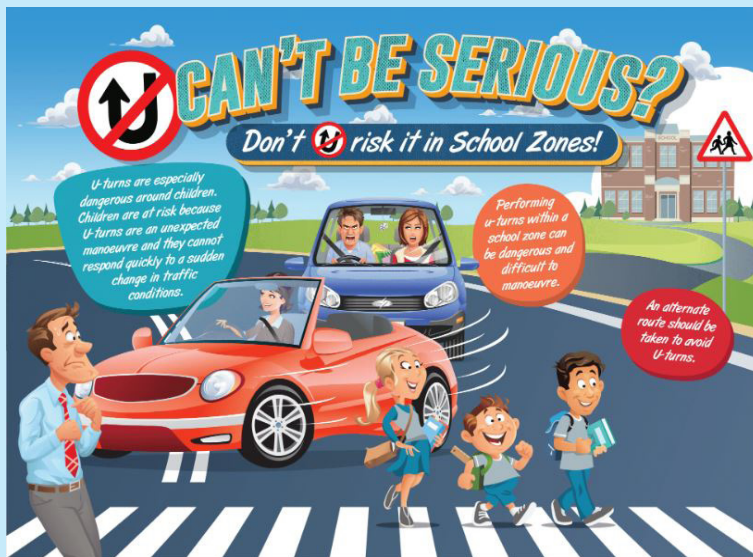
With the end of year approaching, our lives get busier planning for holidays and celebrations. Please be mindful to take some time to focus on slowing down while out and about on the roads.

Take responsibility for your actions, and remember, road safety starts with you.

U-turns in School Zones

Maximum penalty in a School Zone: \$457 + 4 demerit points

Performing a U-turn, or a three-point-turn, in a school zone can be dangerous and is strongly discouraged. Instead, find an alternative route. There is no amount of time-saving that warrants the serious risk these manoeuvres pose to children and other pedestrians and road users.



**Remember! Road safety starts with you.
Take responsibility for your actions.**

Drivers are not allowed to make a U-turn:

- at an intersection without traffic lights where a 'no U-turn' sign is displayed,
- at a break in a driving strip where a 'no U-turn' sign is displayed,
- across any of the following:

1. a single continuous dividing line.
2. a single continuous dividing line to the left of a broken line.
3. two parallel continuous dividing lines.



Walking together to and from school

A message from NSW Department of Education - road safety education

Walking to and from school with your child helps to promote physical activity, ease traffic congestion, reduce your carbon footprint, and provide time to talk about being a safe pedestrian.

Always demonstrate correct pedestrian behaviour.

The best way you can help your child to be a safe pedestrian is to:

1. give them lots of supervised practice with you or another trusted adult
2. talk with and teach your child about being alert in the road environment
3. always hold your child's hand until at least 8 years old
4. explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross the road
5. point out dangers, such as vehicles coming out of driveways
6. use pedestrian crossings and traffic lights correctly
7. teach your child to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road
8. talk with them about everything they need to think about to keep safe when walking
9. explain why they should look and listen before crossing a driveway, road or carpark
10. talk with your child and reinforce Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road together.



STOP!

**one step back
from the kerb**

LOOK!

**both ways
continuously**

LISTEN!

**for the sounds
of approaching
traffic**

THINK!

**whether it is
safe to cross**

Walking together also helps you to observe if older children are ready to cross the road independently. So next time you are driving your child to school, why not park a few blocks away and spend time with your child walking to and/or from school?

At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. For more information click on the icons below:

