



Safety Alert

Driving Near Schools and other places where our children work and play

Scenario

One third of all people killed on metropolitan roads are pedestrians, and all too often children are the victims.

Most such accidents involve motor vehicles driving at speed. Studies have shown that vehicles travelling at 48 km/h are responsible for 40% of all pedestrian fatalities, with vehicles travelling at 64 km/h killing up to 85% of all people hit.

Actions

As motorists we can directly reduce this high toll by being more aware of the following and taking appropriate actions.

- *Observe the speed limits, particularly around bus stops, school zones, kindergartens, recreation parks and homes for the elderly and impaired.*
- *School zones etc. are usually busy early in the morning and in the afternoon.*
- *Always be prepared to brake – keep sufficient distance to the vehicle in front.*
- *Look out for children playing along roads or in drive ways – beware, more children will be out and about during school breaks.*
- *Give cyclists a ‘wide berth’*
- *Talk to your own children about the dangers*
- *Set an example by driving responsibly, ensure you are not distracted by mobile phones, loud music etc.*
- *Most importantly, **always drive defensively***

These simple steps above could save yours and other peoples’ lives.

Have a safe holiday season

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