

SAFE & ACTIVE SCHOOL ZONES

Pick-up and drop-off periods around schools are busy times, with families and children walking, biking, scootering, driving, and taking transit to get to and from school.

YOU CAN HELP BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS TO CREATE MORE ENJOYABLE AND SAFER SCHOOL ZONES

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

If you are a driver, be alert and expect school zones to be busy where travel is likely to be slow. Be aware of drivers who may be less safety-conscious around schools.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

To improve safety and reduce congestion around schools, consider these alternatives to driving and dropping off your children right at the school door.

WALK OR BIKE TO SCHOOL

Studies show that walking and biking to school increases physical activity, improves childrens' alertness, in-class performance and school attendance. It also helps children become more street-wise. Plus it's fun!



CARPOOL OR WALKPOOL WITH FRIENDS OR NEIGHBOURS

Enjoy a bit of social time to get ready for a day at school and share responsibility for driving.



DROP OFF STUDENTS SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM SCHOOL

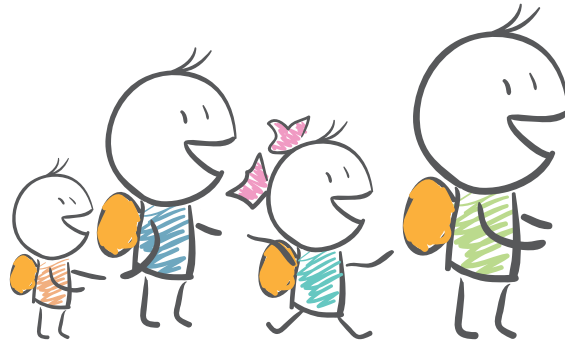
Walking the last few blocks will ease congestion near the school and even several blocks of physical exercise is better than no exercise at all!

GET INVOLVED

Where there are parent-led traffic safety information campaigns and parents involved in TravelSmart® programs, North Vancouver families report higher satisfaction about pedestrian and cycling conditions*. So check with your school administration to see how you might be able to assist or initiate walking programs, safety initiatives or find other solutions more specific to your school.



* From the Fall 2013 School Travel Survey, a partnership of North Vancouver City, North Vancouver District and North Vancouver School District. Check out the summary report available on the City and District municipal websites.



MORE SAFETY TIPS FROM THE LOCAL POLICE

- Obey the posted school zone speed limit. It's better that a child is late for class than to let speeding be the cause of an unfortunate accident or a speeding ticket.
- Whenever possible, make arrangements to have your children be dropped off and picked up near the school, instead of directly in front of the school where space is limited.
- Unless authorized, do not park or stop in the area designated for disabled persons. The two minutes you choose to stop there could be the same two minutes that spot is needed.
- While not illegal, turning around in a driveway (or backing onto a roadway for any reason) is ill-advised and potentially dangerous for pedestrians and other vehicles. Consider taking a couple of extra minutes and drive around the block instead.
- When you do locate a legal parking/stopping spot, pull your vehicle fully toward the curb (within 30 cm or 12 inches), so that through traffic can pass you safely.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in keeping our children healthy and safe!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THESE CITY AND DISTRICT WEBSITES:

cnv.org/SASTP

dnv.org/schoolroutes

westvancouver.ca/schoolsafety

