

# Aberdeen Elementary



# Traffic Safety

Keeping our students safe

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## Traffic Safety Tips:

### 1. **Respect the 30 km/h school zone speed limit:**

- Travel 30 km/h or less while in the designated school zone between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on school days.
- What is the penalty? Bylaw may issue a fine of \$196 to \$253 and driver premium points.

### 2. **Use the designated "Pick Up / Drop Off" zone:**

- The area in front of the school on Van Horne Drive is designated for parents to stop *briefly* to **load or unload** their children.
  - Parents should not be sitting in their cars waiting for students to come out of the school.
- Drivers **MUST** remain with their vehicle.
- What is the penalty? Bylaw may issue a maximum \$50 fine and your vehicle could be towed.

### 3. **Park in designated parking spots:**

- If you need to leave your vehicle for any reason, use the parking lot by the lower playground or other designated parking areas along Van Horne Drive.

### 4. **Do not stop in a "No Stopping" zone:**

- "No Stopping" zones are as follows:
  - any sidewalks marked in yellow
  - within 6m of a crosswalk
  - within 6m of an intersection
  - within 2m of a driveway
- What is the penalty? Bylaw may issue a maximum \$50 fine and your vehicle could be towed.

### 5. **Use the crosswalk when crossing the street:**

- Children learn by example. Please use the crosswalk when picking up or dropping off your child.

**Please Put Student Safety Above Convenience!**



Following these 5 simple rules will create a much safer and easier way to drop off and pick up students at Aberdeen Elementary. If everyone co-operates, the system works well. But... if even one person parks in the wrong area (no matter how brief they are) it creates a dangerous and often frustrating situation for the rest of the students and drivers.

## Solutions to Parent Concerns:

Many parents of primary students want to ensure that their child gets into the school safely and feel that escorting them to the door is important.

- *Park in the lower parking lot by the playground and walk your child to their appropriate door.*

Many parents who are picking up their children after school worry that their children won't see them, so they park in the "Pick Up / Drop Off" zone.

- *Park in the lower parking lot and walk up to meet your child by their appropriate door.*
- *Plan to have your child meet you at the playground by the lower parking lot.*
- *Come 5 to 10 minutes after the 2:30 dismissal and meet your child at the "Pick Up / Drop Off" zone. This gives your child a chance to get out of class and be ready waiting for you.*

**Many thanks goes to all of the drivers who make an effort to follow our safety rules!  
You make our school a safer place to be.**