

# SLOW DOWN & LOOK AROUND

## *Together we can make school zones safer!*

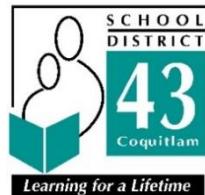
**We all want to feel safe in our communities and especially our schools whether we are there to learn, work, play or visit.**

The safety of SD43's 32,000 students, 4,300 employees, and thousands of parents, visitors and community members in and around our 70 school zones is very important to all of us and by working together we can help make school zones safer for everyone!



**Here are some of the laws, rules and tips to follow in and around SD43 school zones:**

- ✓ Every school day, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones.
- ✓ Using a mobile device while driving is illegal and dangerous for everyone.
- ✓ Drive slowly and be extra alert in darkness, rain, ice, and snowy weather conditions.
- ✓ When dropping off and picking up children, please use your school's proper drop-off area and rules, allow children to exit your car on the side closest to a sidewalk.
- ✓ Be patient while parents/guardians drop their children off or pick them up.
- ✓ Only stop or park in designated stopping areas or visitor parking spaces.
- ✓ Before getting into your vehicle to leave, walk around it to ensure no small children are hidden from your view. Always look for pedestrians when you are backing up.
- ✓ If you are running late to drop children off at school, or for work, don't rush and speed. It's better to be a few minutes late than to be involved in an accident.
- ✓ Pedestrians and cyclists should always cross at a marked crosswalks and not mid-block.
- ✓ When walking or cycling, be aware of traffic, follow the laws, use crosswalks, and wear bright or reflective clothing.
- ✓ Read more tips on our social media channels and website here:  
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Resources/ParentResources/Pages/trafficsafety.aspx>



***Slow down and look around. Help spread the word.***