



School Zone

Welcome back to a new school year – and welcome to the first edition of School Zone, the Brampton Safety Council newsletter!

What is the Brampton Safety Council?

Brampton Safety Council is a committee made up of citizen members from our community, as well as representatives from the City of Brampton, the two school boards, Peel Regional Police, Brampton Safe City and Student Transportation of Peel Region. It reports to Brampton City Council on matters related to traffic safety around schools.

We regularly receive requests for help or advice from school staff, parent associations, City of Brampton departments and other Brampton residents and groups. If you have a concern with regards to traffic or pedestrian safety around your school, our contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.



International Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day is an annual event to reintroduce parents, children, school staff and other community members to the joy of walking.

October is designated as Walk to School Month, with International Walk to School Day taking place on the first Wednesday. This year it is Wednesday, October 5.

Brampton Safety Council, Peel Safe and Active Routes and Green Communities of Canada provide resources, tools and information to schools to promote walking.

Schools can register for the October walk at www.saferoutestoschool.ca/registration.asp.

"Flashing 40" Signs

There are flashing 40 km/h signs in front of certain schools in Brampton. These signs are used to designate time-specific reduced speed limits. When the signs are flashing, the speed limit is reduced to 40 km/h; when they are not flashing, the speed limit returns to the posted limit for that road (50 or 60 km/h).

During the first two weeks of school, these signs will be flashing Monday to Friday, 7 am to 5 pm. After that, the signs will flash according to a predetermined schedule. For locations and scheduled times of operation, visit



www.brampton.ca/en/residents/roads and click on Pedestrian and Driver Safety.

Kiss and Ride

Kiss and Ride areas can make it quick and efficient to drop off your children at school. They allow you to enter the school driveway and drop your children off in a safe designated area (indicated through pavement markings and signage) without you getting out of the car.

Kiss and Ride areas only work when everyone uses them properly. As a driver, please do not get out of your vehicle in the Kiss and Ride – even if it's "just for a minute." School staff or parent volunteers are there to help your children get out of the car and safely to the sidewalk. Not only do parked or unattended vehicles make the Kiss and Ride less efficient, some Kiss and Ride areas are also designated fire routes, where parking is illegal.



Crossing Guards

Now that a new school year has begun, you will once again see our friendly crossing guards out on the roads. Brampton provides school crossing guards for children in kindergarten to grade 5.

The crossing guard's stop sign has the same legal authority as a stop sign at an intersection. As a driver, you must stop:

- when the crossing guard is about to enter the roadway with the stop sign in an upright position.
- while the crossing guard is on the roadway with the stop sign in an upright position.

You must remain stopped until the children and crossing guard have safely cleared the roadway.

If you don't stop for a crossing guard, it could also mean three demerit points on your driver's record, an increase in insurance rates and a minimum \$78.75 fine. More importantly, you could seriously injure a child or the crossing guard. Please watch for them.



School Buses

Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) is responsible for all aspects of school bus operations. Brampton Safety Council and STOPR have an ongoing collaborative relationship that is focused on student safety. For more information regarding school bussing, please visit www.stopr.ca

Contact Us

If you have a school traffic safety issue you would like to bring to the attention of the Brampton Safety Council, please contact Terri Brenton in the City Clerk's Office at the City of Brampton



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For more information on pedestrian and driver safety, visit www.brampton.ca/en/residents/roads and click on Pedestrian and Driver Safety