

A MESSAGE FROM THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am Senior Constable Level 2, WILL JOHNSON #3380 of the Calgary Police Service.

The safety of the community and students is a priority for the Calgary Police Service. I have received concerns from the school and parents in regards to some troubling driving behaviors around the school. I am hoping you can assist by making our community as safe as possible for everyone.

School start and end times can make the roads very congested. To keep children safe, it is very important everyone obeys the law as defined in Alberta's Traffic Safety Act.

Below you will find a list of the common infractions observed and fines relating to these offences:

- **Illegal U-turn - \$155** - U -turns are illegal between intersections, alley junctions, when prohibited by sign, at traffic signals and when unsafe. The only place to legally do a U-turn is at an intersection not controlled by lights as long as it can be done safely and there is no sign indicating that you cannot.
- **Pedestrian J-walk - \$78** - If there is a marked crosswalk on the block, you **MUST** use it to cross. **Please help to teach your children the proper way to cross the street and lead by example.**
- **Seatbelts! - \$155** - It is an offense to operate a vehicle without wearing a seatbelt or to have children not wearing a seatbelt. Please ensure your child seats are properly secured.
- **Impede/block traffic (double parking) \$155** - Double parking is stopping alongside another vehicle in the middle of a street to drop off your child. This adds to congestion because you are backing up traffic behind you while you let your child out of the vehicle. **This also puts your child in a dangerous position, as they will be walking between two cars parked after being let out. These vehicles are not expecting little ones to walk behind them and may back up into your child.**
- **Distracted driving (use handheld cell phone, etc.) - \$287 + 3 demerits!**
- **Disobey posted signs (includes no stopping zones) - \$233**
- **Fail to yield for pedestrian in crosswalk - \$776**
- **Failing to stop for a stop sign - \$388**
- **Stopping or parking in a bus zone / within 5m of crosswalk/stop sign - \$75**
- **Parking in front of or within 1.5 meters of driveway/garage/ no parking zone - \$75**

We ask that you please adjust your driving behavior accordingly to assist in keeping everyone safe.

Please help safeguard your children and community at large by just slowing down, being aware of signs and parking regulations and obeying the laws.

Please remember to choose safety over convenience. Thank You.

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