

## **Back To School**

Back-to-school time is here, so let's hit the brakes on summer and remember that safety is always at the top of the class.

## **School Zone Driver Safety**

- Slow down in school zones.
- Watch for children crossing the street, especially near bus stops and crosswalks.
- Be extra cautious during morning and afternoon hours.
- Never pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights.
- Stay off your phone while driving, especially near schools.
- Yield to crossing guards and follow their instructions.





Speeding and using a cell phone in a school zone isn't just illegal — its dangerous!



## WATCH OUT FOR BUSSES



Always stop when a school bus has its stop arm extended and red lights flashing, regardless of your direction on an undivided road.

Slow down in school zones and near bus stops, watching closely for children walking, biking, or crossing the street.

Never pass a stopped bus — be patient and give it plenty of space, as children may be entering or exiting unpredictably.

Eliminate distractions while driving during school hours and stay alert for sudden stops or movements.

Follow posted speed limits and drive defensively, knowing that kids may not always follow pedestrian safety rules.

When backpacks hit the pavement, drivers should hit the brakes — school zone and bus stop safety isn't optional; it's essential.