

Seasonal Driving Tips-September, 2015



"Breathing Life Into Safety"

Back to School Safety

Upcoming Driver Safety Classes

Distracted Driver: 10/15/15
MSB, 1401 JFK, Rm. 16Y,
10am-12pm

Distracted Driver: 11/12/15
MSB, 1401 JFK, Rm. 16E,
10am-12pm

Defensive Driver: 10/7/15
MSB, 1401 JFK, Rm. 16Z,
8:30am-12:30pm

Rules of the Road: 10/29/15
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10am-12pm

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Things get a little crazy on the roads during the school year. Buses are everywhere, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. Does any of this sound familiar? Drivers need to remember to slow down and pay attention when school children are present.

Some tips for school safety:

1. Make sure you know your child's school drop off policy.
2. Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.
3. Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at school.
4. Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red

light or waiting to make a turn.

5. Abide by the school zone speed limit when flashers are on.
6. Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
7. Never pass a school bus from behind in either direction when on an undivided road.
8. Stop at least 10 feet away from the school bus when it's flashers are on.
9. Be alert. Children are often unpredictable, and may make sudden moves.
10. Don't alarm pedestrians by honking, it will only scare them, possibly causing them to dart out in traffic.

According to the National Safety Council

(NSC), most children killed in school bus related incidents are between the ages of 4 to 7, and were walking. Frequently, the child killed is hit by a motorist illegally passing a school bus with its flashers on.

Be aware of children on bicycles, leave plenty of room between your vehicle and the bicyclist. Watch for bicyclists who may not follow the rules of the road. Bicyclists can also be unpredictable.

Just remember, we were all children once, and that the children on the roads headed to school, or back home, are someone else's loved ones. Treat the children you encounter on the road as if they are your own.

Source: Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road: National Safety Council



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