

Back to School

Safety first! If you are planning to drive to school, consider parking a block or two away and walking the rest of the way to help reduce congestion and improve safety.

Road safety reminders

Drivers: Be prepared to stop for pedestrians and crossing guards at a school crossing and remain stopped until all people have cleared the entire width of the road, and it is safe to proceed.

Students: When looking to cross at a school crossing, wait until the crossing guard signals for you to cross. Be alert and remember to listen to the crossing guard's instructions.

Help protect yourself and others by following parking regulations:

- **No stopping zones:** Do not stop in no stopping zones. Not even to drop-off or pick-up students.
- **School bus loading zones:** Do not stop in school bus loading zones. Not even to drop-off or pick-up students.

Community safety zones

All roadways near schools in the City of Kingston are designated as Community Safety Zones, which means they are areas where public safety is of special concern. The rules of the road do not change within Community Safety Zones, but the fines for traffic violations are doubled to encourage increased caution and care.



Speed limit reduction

The speed limit has been reduced to 40 km/h along most residential roads in your neighbourhood. Signs that read 'AREA BEGINS' or 'AREA ENDS' are located at all entry and exit points to the neighbourhood. Directly in front of schools along local roads, the speed limit has been further reduced to 30 km/h.

Why reduce the speed limit? Safety is the priority. At 30 km/h, the probability of a fatal outcome for a pedestrian involved in a collision is 10 per cent. At 50 km/h, it increases to 80 per cent. Slowing down increases your field of vision and gives you more time to react to your fellow road users. Let's all do our part and slow down.

For more information on school area safety, visit: [CityofKingston.ca/SchoolAreaSafety](https://www.cityofkingston.ca/SchoolAreaSafety)

