Back to School
A Safety Reminder for Drivers

“As children head back to school, everyone needs to be reminded of school zones,” says Allan Lamb, Preventable spokesperson and President and COO of the BCAA Road Safety Foundation. “We see a lot of pedestrian-related injuries in September and October with children aged 5 to 14 years at the greatest risk for pedestrian-related fatalities.

Statistics have shown that during the first week of school, two children in British Columbia will die as a result of injury. The most frequently reported child pedestrian activity that results in injury or death is crossing at an intersection followed by running onto the road.

Consider the facts:
• The most frequently reported child pedestrian action that results in injury or death is crossing at an intersection followed by running onto the road.
• The top three causes of death for adults due to preventable injury are motor vehicle collisions, falls, and poisoning.
• Most incidents occur during 3 – 6 pm when drivers are returning from work and children are walking home from school.
• Most common causes of pedestrian collisions include inattention and pedestrian error and/or confusion.
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Health and Safety is a priority at BCIT! Health and Safety newsletters contain monthly first aid statistics, compliance concerns, and updates of new legislation and interest articles.

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FIRST AID SUMMARY REPORT

The chart indicates the number of injuries from each person type (Student, Employee, Contractor), and the proportion of injuries for each school.

Driver Safety Tips

- Reduce speeds on residential roads.
- Do not make u-turns, stop in no-stopping zones, back up into cross walks, roll through stop signs, ignore school safety patrollers or let your child out from the driver’s side and into oncoming traffic.
- Stop for school buses with flashing lights.
- Yield to pedestrians (it’s the law) and stay focused on the roadway.
- Be alert and scan all ways for pedestrians, especially when approaching an intersection.
- Make a habit of walking around your vehicle to scan for small children before you get into your vehicle.

Did you know for BC, pedestrian injuries represent...

**Hospitalizations:**
- 600 cases annually
- 12 each week
- 57 children at BC Children’s Emergency Department

**Deaths:**
- 65 cases annually
- 1 each week

Source: BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit