

## Why restrict parking?

School zone parking restrictions serve very important purposes.

Firstly, they are designed to help all road users **maintain safe lines of vision in busy road environments**.

Secondly, restrictions are **fair** because they allow a **turnover of vehicles** where parking space is limited.

Vehicles parked contrary to signs create a serious hazard for young children by reducing their view of approaching traffic.

**All motorists and parents are reminded to slow down around schools and keep to the 40km/h speed limit when travelling through a school zone.**



**Please model safe and considerate behaviour for your children.**

## General Parking offences

**Did you know you can be fined \$100 for any of the following offences.**

- Stopping or parking on a footpath or verge
- Stopping on or across a driveway or right of way
- Disobeying a no parking or no stopping sign
- Stopping at or near a bus zone or bus stop
- Double parking
- Stopping or parking on or adjacent to a median strip
- Stopping or parking on part of a carriage way marked with a yellow line
- Obstructing a carriageway
- Parking against flow of traffic

**Never place convenience ahead of safety.**

### Useful links

<http://wa.gov.au/information-about/community-safety/road-safety-awareness>

<http://www.roadwise.asn.au/resources/resources/schools>

<http://www.det.wa.edu/sdera/detcms/navigation/for-parents/>

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# Road Safety around Schools



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## Why are children so vulnerable in traffic?

Children are at an increased risk because:

- They are not all road safety educated like adults.
- They are small, fragile and hard to see between cars.
- They have difficulty in judging speed and distance in general.
- Their peripheral vision is still developing.
- Their injuries tend to be more severe because of their small size.
- They are easily distracted and can move out into danger in a flash without warning.

## We all have a duty of care.

Parents are the key training providers of road safety education for young children and are responsible for teaching them road safety skills and knowledge especially around schools. For this reason, it is important that parents model safe behaviour at all times and consider their children's limitations.

**How you behave in road safety is the way your child will learn. Please lead by example.**



## What can you do to keep your children safe?

- Allow yourself sufficient time to drop off / pick up your child. Avoid last minute rush.
- Whenever possible, park a street or two away and walk your child to school.
- Start road safety awareness early – establish road safety practices and routines at a young age.
- Consider walking or cycling to and from school where possible. Walking to school has many benefits such as helping students to concentrate at school, lessens traffic congestion which means less noise and air pollution. By walking you are helping yourself and the broader environment.
- When out walking, practise the “Stop, Look, Listen and Think” rule every time you cross the road.
- Demonstrate and explain what your children need to look and listen for in traffic. Then have them demonstrate back to you.
- Children aged up to 10 years should always be supervised near traffic.
- Children aged up to eight years should always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road or walking near traffic.
- If you must drive into the school zone, always drop off and pick up your children on the school side of the road making sure they use the footpath-side door.
- Their safety is literally in your hands.



## Drivers should be familiar with the following signs commonly found around schools.

**NO PARKING** signs allow drivers to park for up to two minutes. The driver must stay within three metres of the parked vehicle.



The **two minutes/three metres rule** allows drivers to park briefly when dropping off or picking up older children. If you need to walk younger children into school, leaving your vehicle unattended, **You must park legally elsewhere.** Preferably park a street or two away.

### BUS ZONE OR BUS STOP

must be kept clear at all indicated times. It is illegal to stop or park in or near a bus zone or bus stop unless you are driving a bus.



**NO STOPPING** zones must be kept clear at all indicated times. Signs are installed at locations such as intersections, pedestrian crossings and school zones to allow critical lines of vision for both pedestrians and drivers.



Where you see a continuous yellow line or a no stopping sign you are not permitted to stop or park in these zones at any time. Even if you are only stopping to let someone out of the car, and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the car.

**A No Stopping sign or Yellow Line means absolutely no stopping.**