

# SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

## FACT SHEET 3

### Driving Safely Around Schools

The Facts!

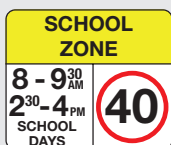


Keeping our children safe as they get to and from school is everyone's responsibility. Remember, young children can be unpredictable and difficult to see, so slow down and be extra cautious in school zones.

#### ROAD RULE

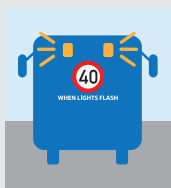
#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

#### PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS



- A **40km/h speed limit** applies in school zones to help protect children on their way to and from school.
- The lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash.
- Most school zones operate from 8:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 4:00pm.

**EXCEEDS:**  
**\$494+**  
**2 DEMERIT POINTS**



- Slow down to **40km/h** when **bus lights flash**.
- When bus lights flash it means the bus is picking up or dropping off children.

**EXCEEDS:**  
**\$369+**  
**1 DEMERIT POINT**



- It is illegal to hold and use a **mobile phone** while driving.
- If your phone is secured in a fixed mounting or Bluetooth is enabled, you can still make or receive phone calls, use music or audio functions and use a navigation system.
- Learner and P licence holders are not permitted to use their phone at all.
- Keep in mind that using a mobile phone legally can still be very distracting.

**EXCEEDS:**  
**\$469+**  
**5 DEMERIT POINTS**



- You must not park on, or too close, to a **pedestrian crossing**. This blocks visibility.
- If the road beyond a pedestrian crossing is blocked, you should not drive onto the crossing.

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