

# What Can YOU Do?

## PARENTS

*Set a good example for your children*

- **ALWAYS** cross at the crosswalk - **JAYWALKING IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL**

**ALWAYS** park your vehicle in a safe place when dropping your children off at school. Letting your children out of the vehicle in the middle of traffic is dangerous.

## PEDESTRIANS

*Ensure that you are crossing the street safely*

### Non-patrolled Crossings:

- **ALWAYS** cross at the crosswalk .
- Use the **POINT, PAUSE** and **PROCEED** method to cross the street
- **POINT** - let the drivers know that you want to cross the street by pointing your arm
- **PAUSE** - look in all directions to ensure that all vehicles have stopped. Make eye contact with the drivers to ensure that they have seen you
- **PROCEED** - when all vehicles have stopped it is safe to cross the street. Continue to watch for traffic while crossing

### Patrolled Crossings:

- **ALWAYS** cross at the crosswalk
- Stand quietly behind the patrollers (at times, you may need to listen for directions from the patrollers)
- Wait until the **SECOND** whistle and the patrollers open the crosswalk
- Walk **BETWEEN** the patrollers so as not to obstruct them from the view of the drivers
- Always walk across the street staying between the white lines of the crosswalk

Continue to watch for traffic while crossing

## DRIVERS

*Drive at the posted speed limits and be aware of the activity around you*

- **ALWAYS** obey the patroller's stop signs and **REMAIN STOPPED** until they have placed them behind their back, even if there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk
- Stop for all pedestrians crossing in the crosswalk - it's the law
- Wait until the pedestrian(s) has completely cleared the intersection before proceeding
- Make eye contact with the pedestrian(s)
- Stop well back from the crosswalk so as not to obscure the view of the pedestrians from the other drivers
- Do not park within 5 metres of a crosswalk (at least one full car length)
- Check for pedestrians when turning
- Do not make U-turns
- Make sure your windshield and headlights are clean and don't obstruct your view

## MODEL SAFE BEHAVIOURS

Recognizing that children follow by example, I will ensure the following:

- *I will choose safety over convenience*
- *I will obey traffic signs and laws*
- *I will always use the crosswalk to cross the street*
- *I will not take unsafe shortcuts, make illegal u-turns, jaywalk or let children out on the road, in no-stop or bus zones.*