



## Seasonal Driving Safety Tips

# Bus Stop/School Zone Driving Safety Tips

**At a glance:** Twice a day during the school year, sidewalks fill with kids who walk or bicycle to school, or ride the bus. Follow these tips to keep them safe — especially between 3 and 4 p.m., when the most severe school-age pedestrian injuries happen.

**Look both ways before you back out of or pull into your garage and driveway.** Yield to kids who are walking or bicycling.

**Drive slowly and be alert,** especially near bus stops and school zones. Children rushing to meet the bus or get to school might dart into the street. Kids might also walk in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks.

**Review your state's school bus laws,** which require you to:

- Stop for any school bus that has its flashing red lights on and stop signal arm extended. Wait until the driver turns everything off before you pass. (You're always required to stop when you're traveling in the same direction as the bus; however, only some states require you to stop if you're going the opposite way.)
- Never pass on the right side of the bus, where children enter and exit.

**Teach your kids to be good pedestrians:** Safe habits include walking with a group; walking on the sidewalk—or if there isn't one, walking facing traffic; looking both ways before and while crossing the street; and crossing only at corners or intersections.

Source: [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)

[\*http://www.progressive.com/vehicle-resources/seasonal-tips-main.aspx\*](http://www.progressive.com/vehicle-resources/seasonal-tips-main.aspx)

# Halloween Driving Safety Tips

**At a glance:** Help protect trick-or-treaters by following these driving safety tips on Halloween, or on the night your community hosts Halloween activities. Be especially careful between 4 and 8 p.m., when most severe vehicle/young pedestrian collisions happen.

**Drive slowly, and don't pass stopped vehicles.** The driver might be dropping off children.

**Park your mobile phone.** Avoid distractions by waiting until you've stopped to call, text, or surf. Get more [mobile phone safety tips](#).

**Watch for children darting into the street.** Kids can cross the street anywhere, and most young pedestrian deaths happen at spots other than intersections.

**Yield to young pedestrians.** Children might not stop, either because they don't see your vehicle approaching or don't know how to safely cross the street.

**Communicate with other drivers.** Always use your turn signals. And if you have to pull over to drop off or pick up your kids, turn on your hazard lights.

## ***And, to keep your own trick-or-treaters safe:***

**Teach them how to safely cross streets.** They should look both ways and cross only at corners and crosswalks.

**Consider indoor community Halloween programs** for younger kids. Some communities also offer to help you inspect your kids' treats to make sure they're safe to eat.

**Brighten them up.** Give them flashlights and glow sticks, and/or use reflective tape on their costumes, so drivers can see them.

*Source:* [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)