

# MAG Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshop





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## Crossing Guard Rules

### DOs

1. Arrive before children gather
2. Place the portable signs in the street in the correct order
3. Group children back away from the curb before allowing them to cross
4. Observe approaching traffic and make eye contact with motorists
5. Wait for an appropriate gap in traffic
6. Hold up STOP paddle before stepping into the street
7. Signal students to cross when you are ready
8. Hold STOP paddle high at all times when in the street from curb to curb
9. Teach students how to cross safely, looking left, right, and left
10. Remove the portable signs from the street according to the operating agreement

### DON'Ts

1. DON'T be late
2. DON'T direct traffic
3. DON'T assume all motorists will stop at the crosswalk.
4. DON'T shout or argue with motorists.
5. DON'T use alcohol or tobacco products while on duty.
6. DON'T be unfriendly with students.
7. DON'T allow students to cross until your signal
8. DON'T talk on a cell phone or visit with friends on the job.
9. DON'T let students run or ride bikes when crossing the street.
10. DON'T leave the portable signs in the street after you leave for the day



# 15mph School Crossing Violations

## **Arizona Revised Statutes 28-797 E**

Fine: \$125-\$500\*  
2 points

A vehicle approaching the crosswalk shall not proceed at a speed of more than fifteen miles per hour between the portable signs placed on the highway indicating "SCHOOL IN SESSION" and "STOP WHEN CHILDREN IN CROSSWALK".

## **Arizona Revised Statutes 28-797 G**

Fine: \$125-\$500\*  
2 points

When a school authority places and maintains the required portable "SCHOOL IN SESSION" signs and "STOP WHEN CHILDREN IN CROSSWALK" signs, all vehicles shall come to a complete stop at the school crossing when the crosswalk is occupied by a person.

## **Arizona Revised Statutes 28-644 A 1**

Fine: \$125-\$500\*

(Note: 28-644 A 1 is the statute used for passing in a 15-mph School Crossing) 2 points

Unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer and subject to the exemptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this chapter, the driver of a vehicle shall:

1. Obey the instructions of an official traffic control device applicable to the driver that is placed in accordance with this chapter.

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\* Each jurisdiction establishes the fines for violations.



## **Important State Laws Regarding Pedestrians and Schools**

### **28-791. Pedestrians subject to traffic rules**

**A.** Pedestrians are subject to traffic control signals at intersections as provided in section 28-645 unless required by local ordinance to comply strictly with the signals. At all places other than intersections, pedestrians are accorded the privileges and are subject to the restrictions stated in this article.

**B.** A local authority may require by ordinance that pedestrians strictly comply with the directions of an official traffic control signal and may prohibit by ordinance pedestrians from crossing a roadway in a business district or crossing a designated highway except in a crosswalk.

### **28-792. Right-of-way at crosswalk**

**A.** Except as provided in section 28-793, subsection B, if traffic control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be in order to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave any curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

**B.** If a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of another vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

### **28-793. Crossing at other than crosswalk**

**A.** A pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

**B.** A pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

**C.** Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

**28-795. Pedestrians to use right half of crosswalk**

Pedestrians shall move expeditiously, when practicable, on the right half of crosswalks.

**28-901. Maximum number in school bus; stops at school**

**A.** Except for the purpose of conducting drills under school rules and in the emergency evacuation or dispersal of pupils and school personnel, a person shall not operate a school bus on a public highway:

1. While carrying more passengers than can be properly seated.
2. While a person is standing in the school bus.

**B. In receiving or discharging children at the school, a person who drives a vehicle carrying children to and from school shall stop the vehicle on the side of the highway on which the school is located.**

**28-797\*. School crossings; civil penalty; assessment; definition**

**A.** The director, with respect to state highways, or the officer, board or commission of the appropriate jurisdiction, with respect to county highways or city or town streets, by and with the advice of the school district governing board or county school superintendent may mark or cause to be marked by the department or local authorities crosswalks in front of each school building or school grounds abutting the crosswalks where children are required to cross the highway or street.

**B.** The department or local authorities may approve additional crossings across highways not abutting on school grounds on application of school authorities and with written satisfactory assurance given the department or local authorities that guards will be maintained by the school district at the crossings to enforce the proper use of the crossing by school children.

**C.** The manual prescribed in section 28-641 shall provide for yellow marking of the school crossing, yellow marking of the center line of the roadway and the erection of portable signs indicating that vehicles must stop when persons are in the crossing. The manual shall also provide the type and wording of portable signs indicating that school is in session and that the civil penalty for a violation of this section will be doubled when the signs are present and permanent signs that warn of the approach to school crossings.

**D.** When the school crossings are established, school authorities shall place within the highway the portable signs indicating that school is in session. This placement shall be not more than three hundred feet from each side of the school crossing. In addition, portable "stop when children are in crosswalk" signs shall be placed at school crossings. School authorities shall maintain these signs when school is in session and shall cause them to be removed immediately when school is not in session.

**E.** A vehicle approaching the crosswalk shall not proceed at a speed of more than fifteen miles per hour between the portable signs placed on the highway indicating "school in session" and "stop when children are in crosswalk".

**F.** Notwithstanding any other law:

**1.** An agency of appropriate jurisdiction may establish a school crossing on an unpaved highway or street adjacent to a school when the agency determines the need for the school crossing on the basis of a traffic study. School crossings on unpaved highways and streets shall be marked by the use of signs as prescribed in the manual prescribed in section 28-641.

**2.** A local authority may establish a school crossing at an intersection containing a traffic control signal if the local authority determines the need for a school crossing on the basis of a traffic study.

**G.** When a school authority places and maintains the required portable "school in session" signs and "stop when children are in crosswalk" signs, all vehicles shall come to a complete stop at the school crossing when the crosswalk is occupied by a person.

**H.** If a person is found responsible for a violation of this section, the person is subject to a civil penalty for the violation and, if the violation occurs during the time portable signs have been erected pursuant to this section, the person shall pay an additional assessment equal to the amount of that civil penalty. This assessment is not subject to any surcharge.

**I.** The court shall collect the additional assessment at the same time the court collects the civil penalty. Partial payments of the total amount due pursuant to this subsection shall be divided according to the proportion that the civil penalty, the penalty assessments levied pursuant to sections 12-116.01 and 12-116.02 and the additional assessment imposed pursuant to this section represent of the total amount due. The court and the department shall treat failure to pay the additional assessment imposed pursuant to this subsection in the same manner as failure to pay a civil penalty, including taking action against the person's driver license or permit or privilege to drive pursuant to sections 28-1601, 28-3153 and 28-3305.

**J.** If a person is found responsible for a violation of subsection H of this section in a justice court or superior court, the court shall transmit monies received to pay the additional assessment to the county treasurer. If a person is found responsible for a violation of subsection H of this section in a municipal court, the court shall transmit the monies received to pay the additional assessment to the city treasurer. The city or county treasurer shall deposit the monies received to pay the additional assessment in a fund to pay for costs related to enforcement of this section.

**K.** For the purposes of this section, "school in session", when used either in reference to the period of time or to signs, means during school hours or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours.

**\* For more information regarding School Crossings see ADOT Traffic Safety for School Areas Guidelines at: <http://www.dot.state.az.us/highways/traffic/Standards.asp>**



# School Crossing Guard Procedures



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Wait on arrival side



Children stand back from curb



Instruct students



Wait for gaps and look left-right-left



Make eye contact with drivers –  
Raise STOP paddle high



Stop all traffic – keep STOP paddle high



Stand in center of street



Students wait for signal



Signal students



Stay in center of street...



While students are crossing...



Until they reach the other side



Do not allow new groups to cross



Have them wait until the next crossing



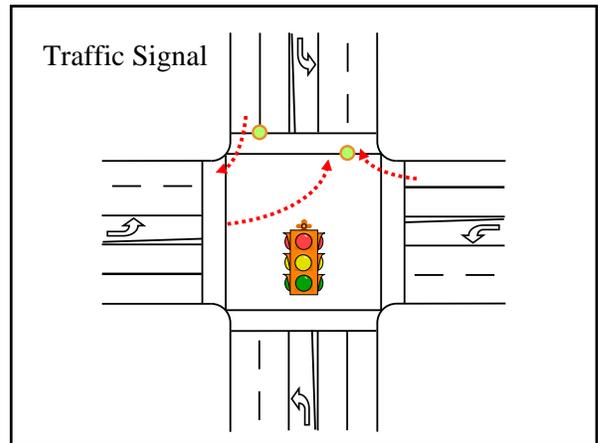
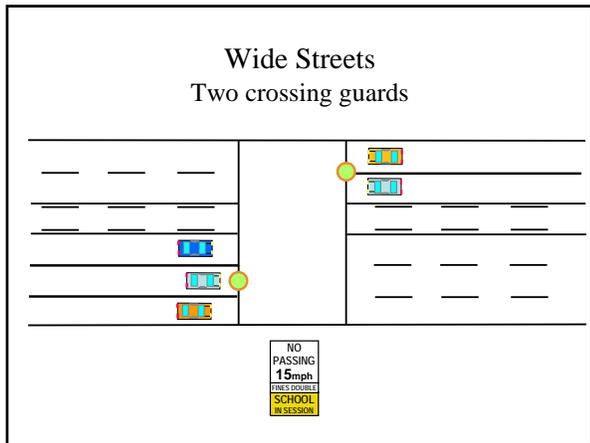
Return to post



Keep STOP paddle high until out of street



Wait for next group





If turning traffic backs up, hold students for a cycle

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Questions?



# **TRAFFIC LAWS REGARDING CROSSWALKS**





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## YELLOW CROSSWALKS

- These are 15mph School Crossing with portable signs that read  
NO PASSING  
15 MPH  
FINES DOUBLED  
SCHOOL IN SESSION  
and "STOP WHEN CHILDREN IN CROSSWALK" as defined by A.R.S. 28-797
- Motorists must stop for any pedestrians in the yellow crosswalk, not just students.
- 15 mph speed limit when portable signs in street.
- Treated as a standard crosswalk when portable signs are not in the street.

## WHITE CROSSWALKS

- These are standard pedestrian crosswalks.
- Pedestrians must yield to vehicles before entering the roadway.
- Motorists must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk only if in their half of the roadway.

## A.R.S. 28-797 G

Yielding to pedestrians in white crosswalks versus yellow crosswalks



15 mph speed limit is only in effect from the first 15 mph portable sign to the marked yellow crosswalk.  
A.R.S. 28-797 E



## DEFINITION OF PASSING IN A 15 MPH SCHOOL CROSSING ENFORCED WITH A.R.S. 28-644 A1

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1. Obey the instructions of an official traffic control device applicable to the driver that is placed in accordance with this chapter.

## DOUBLE FINES

Legislation in effect since September 2006 but the NO PASSING – 15 MPH portable signs must say FINES DOUBLE to apply.



A.R.S. 28-797 H

## MYTHS OF JAYWALKING

A.R.S. 28-793



If a pedestrian crosses the street at any point other than a marked or unmarked crosswalk, the pedestrian is required to yield the right of way to traffic on the street.

## Crossing guards are NOT to

- direct traffic
- wave vehicles through
- stop vehicles to allow other cars or buses to make turns, etc.
- stand in the roadway

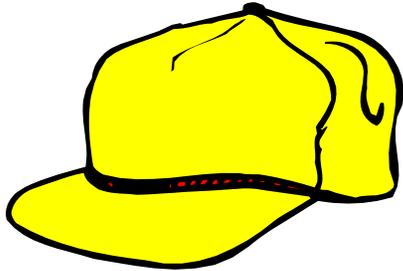


Crossing guards must focus on crossing students and keeping them safe. This is more important than getting a license plate number for a violating vehicle.



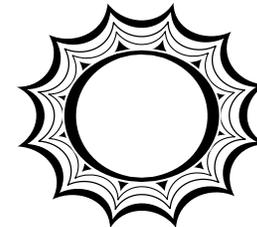
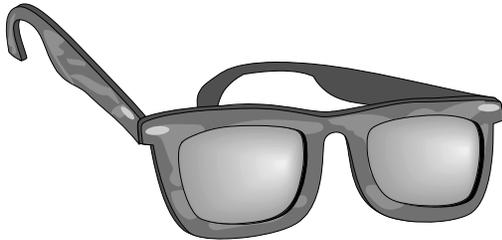
## Contact local police department if special enforcement is needed.

- Give as much detail as possible regarding when violations occur and if there are any “regular offenders” to keep an eye out for.



**Be Cool!**

**Beat the Heat**



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## When Your Body Gets Hot

- Normal cool-down
- Who's at risk
- Heat-related illness
  - Heat cramps
  - Heat exhaustion
  - Heat stroke



## Heat Cramps

- Muscle pains or spasms (abdomen, arms, legs)
- What to do
  - Stop activity and sit in a cool place
  - Drink clear fluids or a sports beverage
  - Get medical help if cramps last longer than one hour

## Heat Exhaustion

- Who?- elderly, high blood pressure, work in hot environment
- Warning signs
  - Heavy sweating
  - Paleness
  - Tiredness
  - Weakness
  - Headache
  - Nausea/vomiting
  - Fainting

## Heat Exhaustion- What to do

- Seek help immediately if history of heart problems or high blood pressure
- Cool off
  - Drink cool, non-alcoholic beverages
  - Rest
  - Take a cool shower, bath, sponge bath
  - Get to the air conditioning

## Heat Stroke

- It's a medical emergency!!!!
- Warning signs
  - Red, hot, dry skin (no sweating)
  - Throbbing headache
  - Dizziness
  - Nausea
  - Confusion
  - Unconsciousness



## Heat Stroke- What to do

- Call 911
- Get victim to shady area
- Rapid cool down
  - Cool tub, shower
  - Spray with garden hose
  - Wet sheet, fan
  - NO alcoholic beverages

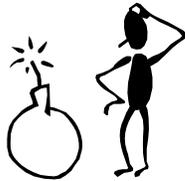
## Prevention is the Key

- Drink fluids
- Avoid fluids with caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar
- Rest in shady areas
- Wear lightweight clothing and wide-brimmed hat

## Be Sun Savvy

Excessive exposure to the sun can cause

- Premature aging and changes in skin texture
- Cataracts
- Skin Cancer



## Who's at Risk?

- Unprotected and/or excessive exposure
- Fair complexion
- Blue or green eyes
- Blond or red hair
- Family history
- History of sunburns early in life



## Signs of Skin Cancer

- Any change on the skin
- Scaliness, oozing, bleeding of bump or nodule
- Spread of pigmentation beyond border
- Change in sensation, itchiness, tenderness, or pain

## Protect Your Skin

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Wear sunglasses
- Check your skin



## Slip on a Shirt

- Loose fitting
- Long sleeve shirt and long pants
- Tightly woven fabric



## Slop on Sunscreen

- UVA and UVB
- At least SPF of 15
- Generous amounts and re-apply often

## Slap on a Hat

- Tight weave
- Wide brim that shades faces, ears, neck
- Baseball cap plus sunscreen



## Final Reminders

- Grab sunglasses
- Know the warning signs
- Check skin monthly





# Resources for Improving Safety of Access Routes to School

One of the goals of the MAG Transportation Safety Planning Program is to improve the safety of access routes to schools. Information on national, state, and regional programs and activities can be found at:

<http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/archive/sr2s>

**Safe Routes To School**

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Our goal is to get more children traveling safely to school on foot or bike, with greater frequency.

### Safe Routes to School Programs

look different from community to community. Yet they all share the common goal to improve the health of kids and the community by making walking and bicycling to school safer, easier and more enjoyable.

- WHO? These programs involve parents, community members, school staff, traffic engineers, city planners, law enforcement officers, community leaders and many others.
- HOW? They work to assess the safety of school travel routes, make changes such as building crosswalks or adding crossing guards, educate students and drivers about safe travel and encourage walking and biking to school. Some programs expand to promote safe walking and bicycling throughout the community.

### News & Events

The second Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshops were held on August 3 and 10, 2007, at the Glendale Civic Center and the Mesa Convention Center. The event was attended by more than 440 school crossing guards from school districts in the Phoenix metropolitan region. The workshop was organized by the Maricopa Association of Governments in partnership with its member agencies. This event was based on City of Phoenix Crossing Guard Training Workshop that has been held annually for over 40 years. Some photographs from the event [are posted here](#).

### Walking + Biking = Healthy, Alert Children

Providing safer routes to school offers a full range of benefits:

- It's Fun!
- It's Healthy
- It's Non-polluting
- It's Friendly
- It's Educational
- It's Economical

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## Arizona Department of Transportation Traffic Safety for School Areas Guidelines 2006



More information regarding School Crossings, school traffic control, and school site layout in Arizona can be found at:

[http://www.dot.state.az.us/highways/traffic/Standards/School\\_Safety/SchoolSafety\\_120106.pdf](http://www.dot.state.az.us/highways/traffic/Standards/School_Safety/SchoolSafety_120106.pdf)

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