



March 21, 2019

**CAA School Zone Safety Assessment with  
Regina Police Service, Regina Public and Regina Catholic School Divisions,  
Sask Safety Council, City of Regina and CAA  
Identify 1,242 Risky Behaviours by Drivers and Pedestrians**

On Wednesday, March 20, a CAA School Zone Safety Assessment was completed at two Regina elementary schools; École St. Elizabeth School (5149 E Green Brooks Way) and École Wascana Plains School (5125 E Green Brooks Way). The assessment took place before school from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and after school from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Staff from Regina Public and Regina Catholic School Divisions, Regina Police Service Traffic Department and School Resource Officers, Saskatchewan Safety Council, City of Regina, and CAA worked in teams to track risky driver and pedestrian behaviours in the two school zones. The tracking was made possible via a CAA-owned hand-held computer app that listed risky behaviours identified by the community partners.

“School zone safety should be the concern of our entire community,” said Chief Evan Bray with Regina Police Service. “With numerous schools, in every area of the city, our motorists need to possess an ever-present awareness to ensure safety for our children. I am very appreciative to have CAA Saskatchewan and our school division partners come together to focus on raising awareness and education around this important issue. Observing and obeying all posted school zone signs and traffic safety laws will protect our children and ultimately enhance community safety.”

“Minimizing risk to our students in school zones requires the cooperation of many groups,” said Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Regina Public Schools. “We are grateful for this initiative and for the work of our partners in the community, including parents. They help us drive home to students the importance of road safety and keeping alert around vehicles. This initiative will help keep our children safe around traffic and in school zones.”

Dave Magnusson, Superintendent of Education Services with Regina Catholic Schools remarked, “We want to ensure we’re doing everything we can to keep our school zones safe. They are busiest during morning drop off and again at the end of the school day, but safety is key all day. It’s important that all parents, guardians and caregivers are aware of the rules in school zones and are teaching their children to be aware of potential dangers. École St. Elizabeth School is in a new area, and being part of a joint use school, this school zone sees a lot of traffic. We all need to work together to make sure our young people are protected.”





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According to a CAA study, nearly three in four children are being driven to school. This can result in major congestion in school zones with an increase of vehicle traffic including school busses. Through the CAA polling, parents with young children have reported an increase in unsafe driving practices in school zones, primarily speeding and distracted driving. Christine Niemczyk, Director of Communications with CAA Saskatchewan added, “We know that school zones can be a dangerous place for our most vulnerable audience, our students. This is why we publicly share the results of the CAA School Zone Safety Assessment that profiles the risky behaviours performed by drivers and pedestrians in school zones.”

CAA reminds motorists that we can all do our part to eliminate distracted driving and to drive according to the posted limit in school zones. As drivers, let’s be aware of the CAA School Safety Patrollers on duty and follow their directions. It’s a good safety practice for students to never run out in traffic or between parked cars, busses or buildings: please cross at crosswalks and marked intersections and never jaywalk.

The results of the CAA School Zone Safety Assessment on Wednesday, March 20 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at École St. Elizabeth and École Wascana Plains Schools are attached.

The combined number of risky behaviours at both schools is 1,242.

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## Risky Behaviours Tracked at École St. Elizabeth School (5149 E Green Brooks Way) & École Wascana Plains School (5125 E Green Brooks Way)

CAA School Zone Safety Assessment – March 20, 2019, **Before School: 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.**

		Number of Infractions
<b>CATEGORY #1 - RISKY BEHAVIOURS: DRIVERS</b>		
<b>Stopping Violations</b>	No stopping zone	99
	No parking zone	9
	Double parking	8
	Doesn't stop at crosswalk	22
	Doesn't stop at stop sign	147
	Stopping or parking in a handicap zone	9
<b>Speeding</b>	Speeding (41 km/h to 54 km/h)	40
	Doesn't signal to turn	39
	U-turn in school zone	23
<b>Unsafe Drop Off / Pick Up</b>	Drops kids off/picks kids up on the street/lane	11
	Other unsafe drop off/pick up	21
	Uses staff parking lot	15
	Drops child off in the crosswalk	3
<b>Motorist Distractions and Other</b>	Texting/talking (ticket issued for mobile phone use while driving)	7
	Eating/drinking	3
	Vehicle license plate covered, dirty or no license plate	15
	Windows not cleared for visibility	25
	Grooming	2
	Smoking in car with kids	0
	Not wearing seat belt	9
<b>CATEGORY #2 - RISKY BEHAVIOURS: PEDESTRIANS</b>		
<b>Pedestrian Infractions</b>	Jaywalking	126
	Distracted walking while crossing the street (using phone, texting, etc.)	3
	Fail to look both ways before crossing the street	28
	Doesn't wait for crosswalk lights prior to crossing the street	1
<b>SUB-TOTAL INFRACTIONS FROM A.M. SESSION = 665</b>		



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## Risky Behaviours Tracked at École St. Elizabeth School (5149 E Green Brooks Way) & École Wascana Plains School (5125 E Green Brooks Way)

CAA School Zone Safety Assessment – March 20, 2019, **After School: 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.**

		Number of Infractions
<b>CATEGORY #1 - RISKY BEHAVIOURS: DRIVERS</b>		
<b>Stopping Violations</b>	No stopping zone	65
	No parking zone	9
	Double parking	3
	Doesn't stop at crosswalk	34
	Doesn't stop at stop sign	120
	Stopping or parking in a handicap zone	3
<b>Speeding</b>	Speeding (41 km/h to 50 km/h)	34
	Doesn't signal to turn	36
	U-turn in school zone	33
<b>Unsafe Drop Off / Pick Up</b>	Drops kids off/picks kids up on the street/lane	7
	Other unsafe drop off/pick up	8
	Uses staff parking lot	13
	Drops child off in the crosswalk	4
<b>Motorist Distractions and Other</b>	Texting/talking	4
	Eating/drinking	3
	Vehicle license plate covered, dirty or no license plate	26
	Windows not cleared for visibility	0
	Grooming	0
	Smoking in car with kids	1
	Not wearing seat belt	7
<b>CATEGORY #2 - RISKY BEHAVIOURS: PEDESTRIANS</b>		
<b>Pedestrian Infractions</b>	Jaywalking	101
	Distracted walking while crossing the street (using phone, texting, etc.)	10
	Fail to look both ways before crossing the street	51
	Doesn't wait for crosswalk lights prior to crossing the street	5
<b>SUB-TOTAL INFRACTIONS FROM P.M. SESSION = 577</b>		