

HEARDS FERRY ES SCHOOL SAFETY

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SCHOOL SAFETY

- Learn the school's emergency procedures. Emergency plans and phone numbers are usually included in school handbooks and posted in classrooms. Taking a few extra minutes to familiarize yourself and your child with emergency information can give him the confidence he needs to act quickly in emergency situations.

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- Know travel routes to and from the school. Make sure you and your child know both primary and alternate routes. In an emergency, roads can be blocked and it's important to have a backup plan.

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- Know and follow school security and safety measures. These might include signing in when visiting the school, being escorted when walking through the building, or wearing a visitor pass. Following these procedures also sets a great example for your kids.

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- Talk with your child about safety. Be specific. Talk about instinct and paying attention to funny feelings of fear. Explain what to do if she doesn't feel safe (find a teacher, call 911, etc.). Make sure she knows how to contact you or a trusted neighbor who is likely to be at home.

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- Get involved. Talk with the principal about what you can do to increase school safety, such as organizing parents to form a neighborhood watch before and after school. Sometimes parent groups are highly successful in making improvements in traffic safety during drop off and pick up times.

How To Drive In and Around School Zones

- Obey crossing guards, traffic officers, and policemen
- Crosswalks on busy roadways in school zones are often controlled by crossing guards, people who have the legal authority to halt traffic in order to let students and parents cross the road safely. You might also encounter traffic officers in school zones. These men and women take precedence over any traffic signs or signals that normally control the area and direct the heavier than normal traffic in the mornings and afternoons. Police officers often station their cars around the perimeters of school zones as an extra precaution. If you see flashing lights or a police car in a school zone, you can be certain that students are in the vicinity.

HFE Buses

- Notice how the buses are backed up close to the driveway blocking the parking lot entry.
- Observe how the buses have blocked the entry into the visitor lot.
- Imagine how dangerous this would be with multiple cars driving in and out trying to park or leave in a hurry.
- Also imagine this picture with parents crossing with their children.
- **VERY DANGEORUS!**



Pedestrians

- Please notice the high traffic of parents walking their children through this parking lot.
- Imagine how dangerous this would be with multiple cars driving in and out trying to park or leave in a hurry.
- **VERY UNSAFE!**



How To Drive In and Around School Zones

- Severe fines
- Be aware that most states and municipalities impose more severe fines for breaking traffic laws within school zones. Many areas double or triple speeding fines in and around school zones. Please understand that these increases are meant to dissuade drivers from risking the lives of young children because they are in a hurry or are not paying attention while driving through school zones.
- Nothing is more precious than the life of a child. Slow down, pay attention, and ensure the safety of students as they travel to and from school.