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Driver and Pedestrian Safety

SEAL BEACH, CA: The City would like to encourage drivers and pedestrians in school zones and at intersections throughout the City to do their part to further ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians in Seal Beach.

The following are safety tips you can follow to be a responsible driver and pedestrian:

DRIVER SAFETY NEAR SCHOOL ZONES

- Set a good example by always buckling up and ensuring your passengers do the same, never using your cell phone while driving, and obeying all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Lower your speed and remain alert for pedestrians – 25 mph is the maximum speed in and around school zones when children are present.
- Watch for and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at all intersections – they have the right-of-way at these locations.
- If a vehicle stops in front of you, slow down and stop. Do not try to go around – it may have stopped for pedestrians.

- Never pass a school bus while it is stopped with flashing lights and/or stop sign extended – children are either entering or exiting. Failure to yield is a moving violation and subject to citation.

Know and follow the specific drop-off and pick-up procedures established by your student's school.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Cross the street only at signalized or marked crosswalks, and always **STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN**...stop and then look left, right, and then left again, to check for traffic in all directions before stepping off the curb. Keep looking for cars as you cross the street.

- Always make eye contact with drivers to make sure they can see you before crossing in front of them.
- Eliminate opportunities for distraction such as the use of cell phone, hand-held games, or music devices.
- Watch for cars backing out of parking spaces, or entering or exiting driveways – and, never dart out in front of a parked car.

As an added safety measure for both pedestrians and drivers, the Seal Beach Police Department will conduct enhanced patrols at school zones and key City intersections to enforce traffic laws, including speeding, cell phone use, illegal parking, school bus passing, jaywalking, and non-seatbelt use.

For more information on driver and pedestrian safety, please view the link below from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety>

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