

Our children are at risk.
Please help make streets around
our school safer for kids.



**SAM LIVINGSTON SCHOOL
TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS**

*Without patrols,
street safety is now up to you.*

During pick up and drop off in an average week
at Sam Livingston, at least:

- 75 cars speed
- 139 cars stop or park illegally
 - 75 people jaywalk
- 16 cars make illegal turns.



TAKE TIME FOR SAFETY

- Talk to your kids about traffic safety and show them how it's done.

SLOW DOWN.

CROSS SAFELY.

PARK LEGALLY.

FOLLOW THE RULES.

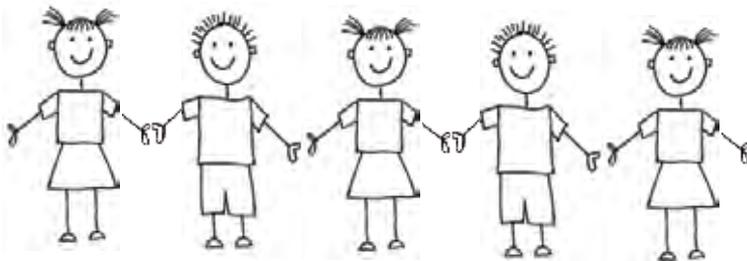
- Build extra time into your schedule so you are not tempted to cut corners where safety is concerned.
- Walk your kids to school or have them take the bus.
- Avoid backing up - children are small and unpredictable.

Your child's view of traffic

Children have yet to develop the skills they need to be safe in traffic.

- Until around the age of eight, it is hard for children to tell whether a vehicle is moving, or judge speed and distance.
 - Children believe that if they can see a car, the car's driver can see them.
- Kids are often too small to see around parked cars, bushes and other obstacles - and it is hard to spot them.
- Children are not able to tell whether there is enough time to safely cross the road before a vehicle passes, especially as speeds increase.
- Their field of vision is a third narrower than that of an adult.
 - They cannot anticipate how a car may move in traffic.
- They are easily distracted, focusing on one thing at a time.
 - Children think cars can stop instantly.

Most pedestrian traffic injuries in five to nine year olds happen when crossing in the middle of the block. Ten to 14-year-olds are more likely to be hurt at intersections.



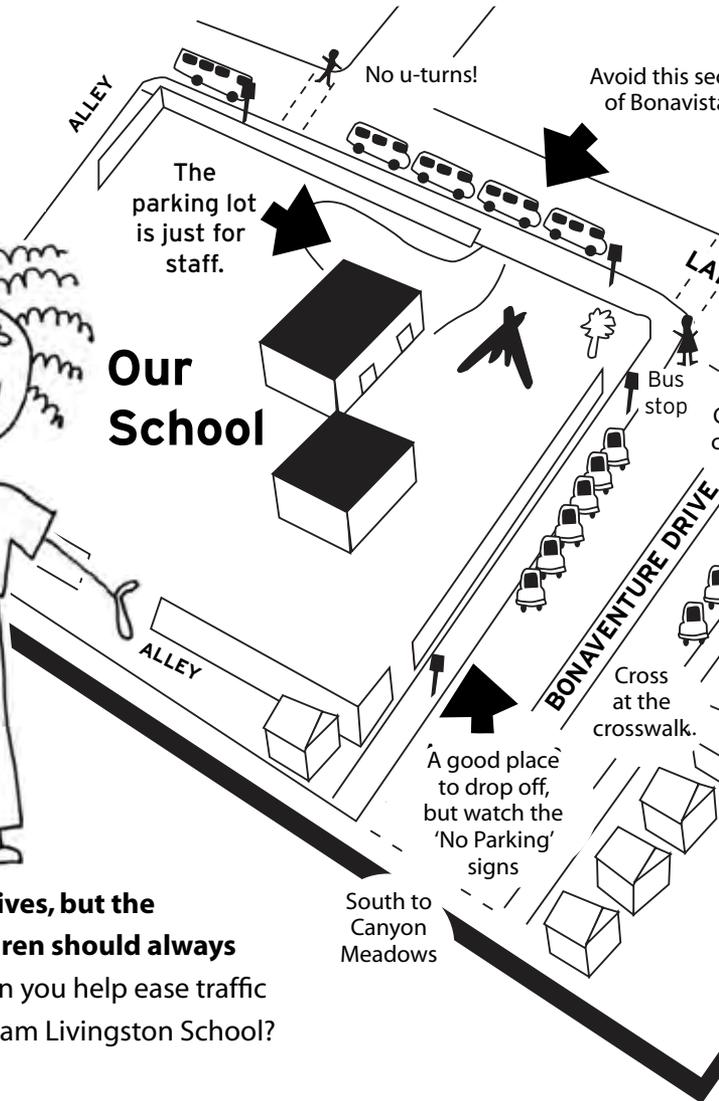
Adapted from The Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for British Columbia and information distributed by the Canadian Institute of Child Health, November 2001.

Source: www.shapeab.com

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we have
lots of
kids here!**



**Our
School**



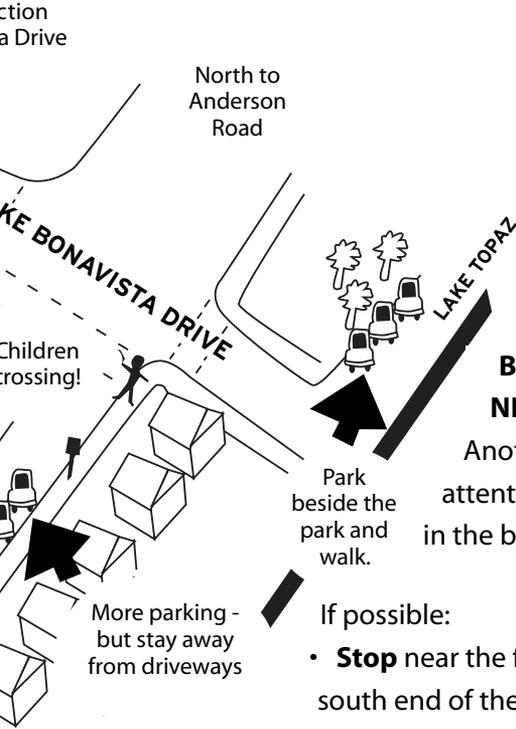
We all have busy lives, but the safety of our children should always come first. How can you help ease traffic problems around Sam Livingston School?

LAKE BONA VISTA DRIVE SCHOOL AND CITY BUS ZONE -

This area is very busy. Snow buildup reduces the driving area even more. Avoid this area to make it safer for the many students who use the buses each day.

Keep in mind that the school parking lot is only for staff. Loading and unloading children is prohibited.

Please choose safety over convenience



BONAVENTURE DRIVE, NEXT TO THE PLAYGROUND -

Another action-packed area - pay close attention here. Do not stop or park in the bus zone.

Park beside the park and walk.

If possible:

- **Stop** near the fence opening at the south end of the playground.
- **Watch** your child enter the supervised area.
- **Continue** on your way.

Think about parking further away and walking to school.

This leaves room for other parents dropping kids off or who have babies and toddlers.

If you use the alley around Sam Livingston School to drop off or pick up, please park on the side next to the field.

Help us to stay on good terms with our neighbors - drive slowly and do not block garage entries, driveways or lanes.

If you are late and want to see your child into school, park and walk. Dipping in bus zones, even just long enough to let your kids out of the car, is illegal.

BETTER LATE AND SAFE!

Read the signs

These signs all appear next to Sam Livingston School. Calgary police and parking authorities routinely monitor our school, often during peak times.

School Bus Zone/No Parking Zone (School Days 7 AM - 5 PM)

- Bus zones are reserved for buses
- No stopping, parking, dropping off or picking up is allowed in a bus zone.

**Penalty: \$36 - 50
and possible tow**



U-Turns

- No u-turns are permitted on the streets next to Sam Livingston's school grounds, on either Bonaventure or Lake Bonavista Drive.

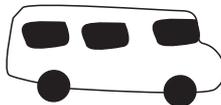
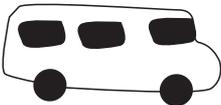
Penalty: \$115



Pedestrian Crossings

- Pedestrians have the right of way
- Vehicles must yield

**Penalty for failing to yield
to a pedestrian: \$575
Jaywalking penalty: \$57**



Breaking the law will cost you!

Playground Zone

- 30 km an hour is the highest speed allowed in a playground zone from 8:30 a.m. until one hour after sunset.
- No passing is allowed.

Speeding penalty: \$57 and up

Passing penalty: \$172 and two or more demerits



School Parking Lot

- The parking lot is strictly reserved for staff.
- No stopping, parking, dropping off or picking up is allowed.
- Turning into the lot or backing out between school buses is also prohibited.



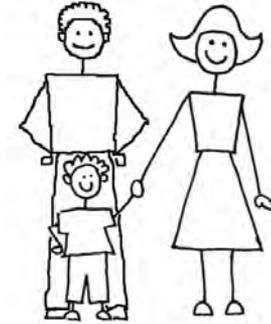
Without patrols, street safety is up to you

As of autumn 2010, the safety patrol will no longer be in place at Sam Livingston School. Whether driving or walking, please take care.



- Teach your child to stop, look and listen when crossing streets or alleys.
- Cross in a group whenever possible.
- Children will do as you do - think twice before jaywalking, crossing against the light or between parked cars or buses.

SAM'S SAFE STREETS PLEDGE



Help protect our kids by making this commitment
to traffic safety at Sam Livingston School.

When driving or walking children to and from school:

- We will choose safety over convenience.
- We will obey all traffic signs and laws.
- We will always use crosswalks.
- Even when late, we will model good behavior
and not take unsafe shortcuts, make u-turns
or let children out in bus zones.