



# SCHOOL SAFETY

A Guide to Driving and Parking in a School Zone



## School Zone Safety is Everyone's Responsibility

The City of Rancho Cucamonga and the Rancho Cucamonga Police Department want to help you make it safer for your children to get to and from school. The Safe Routes to School Program encourages children to walk or bike, however, we realize this is not always possible. We understand the rush to drop off your kids and that traffic operations in school zones can be both frustrating and challenging in those last 15 minutes before the bell rings. Safety means not yielding to temptation to cut corners, but instead following all speed limits, parking regulations, and traffic laws.



### Park or Parking:

"Park or parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

CVC 463

### Double Parking/ Unlawful Curb Parking:

You may not park on the street adjacent to another parked vehicle. Vehicles parked must be within 18" from the curb.

CVC 22500(b), CVC 22502(a)



### Speed Limits:

The speed limit in school zones is 25 mph when children are present, unless the posted signs show lower speed.

CVC 22352(a)(2)(b)

### Red Curbs:

No stopping, standing, or parking, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended.

CVC 21458(a)(1), RCMC 10.44.020(D)



### Crossing Guards:

It is unlawful to disobey the traffic directions of a crossing guard.

CVC 2815

### Fire Hydrants:

You may not park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

CVC 22514(a)



### Crosswalks:

You may not stop or park blocking a marked crosswalk. Vehicles must yield right-of-way to pedestrians in a marked crosswalk or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

CVC 21970, 22500(a)&(b), 21950

### Parked Blocking a Driveway or Sidewalk:

You may not park blocking a driveway, or in a driveway blocking any portion of a sidewalk.

CVC 22500(e)(f)



### No Stopping Signs:

You may not stop or park your vehicle, whether occupied or not.

CVC 22505, 22506, 22507



## Remember—You are the SAFE in Safe Routes to School.



### Parked Blocking Wheelchair Access to Sidewalk:

You may not park blocking a wheelchair access ramp.  
*CVC 22500(1)*



### Disabled Parking:

Unless your vehicle displays a disabled license plate or placard, you may not park in parking spaces designated for the disabled by blue lines or signs, nor in the cross hatched area adjacent to them.  
*CVC 22507.8*



### Passing a Stopped School Bus:

When approaching a school bus, from either direction, that is stopped for the loading or unloading of school children, and displaying a flashing red light signal and stop signal arm, you must immediately stop and shall not proceed until the flashing red light and stop arm cease operation.

*CVC 22454*



### “Don’t Walk” or “Raised Hand” lights

These traffic signals mean do not start across the street. Flashing “Don’t Walk” or “Raised Hand” light mean the traffic signal is about to change and you may not start across the street. If the flashing starts after you have already started to cross, finish crossing the street as quickly as possible.

*CVC 21454, 21456.1*

### Fire Lanes:

You may not park or leave your vehicle standing, whether attended or unattended, in any location, public or private, that is designated as a fire lane.

*CVC 22500.1*



### Yellow Curb

#### (Loading/Unloading Zone):

Loading zones shall be indicated by yellow paint upon the top of all curbs in said zones. Yellow means no stopping, standing or parking at any time between 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on any day except Sundays and holidays for any purpose other than actively loading or unloading passengers.

*CVC 10.44.010, RCMC 10.48.010(B)*



### Jaywalking:

You may not cross in the middle of a street that has a traffic control signal at each adjacent intersection.

*CVC 21954, 21955*



### Bike Riding:

If your child rides a bike to school please make sure they wear a helmet and obey all traffic laws.



For additional information on school zone safety and traffic laws contact:

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