



# Newport Police Department

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## *School Zone Driving Safety Tip*

**Details:** As we enter into the fall and winter months, drivers will encounter congestion around Newport area schools during darkness and inclement weather conditions, both in the morning and afternoon hours. Drivers are encouraged to use their vehicle's headlights during these low-light driving conditions in order to best protect the pedestrians in the area, as well as help avoid accidents with other vehicles.

Drivers are reminded that the speed limit in school zones is 20 MPH when pedestrians are present. Even at those reduced speeds, it can be difficult to come to a stop and avoid a collision while driving in poor weather conditions.

The safety of our school children, their parents, and other community members is foremost in the minds of the Newport Police Department.

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