



# Sample Announcements

Below are some sample announcements you can ask a member of your CAA School Safety Patrol team to read. Feel free to use the ones that are relevant to your school



## Crosswalk Safety

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

Going back to school means crossing the street several times a day. We want to remind you to always use the crosswalk whenever you cross the street, and always to Point, Pause and Proceed.

When you get to a crosswalk, stop and POINT your arm across the street. Then PAUSE while you look all ways for traffic. Wait for all vehicles to stop, and then make eye contact with each driver. Then PROCEED across the street, keeping your arm up and pointing in the direction you are walking. Remember to watch for vehicles in each lane as you walk across the street.

Remember - Point, Pause and Proceed. It's the easy and safest way to cross the street.

Thank you for your attention today.

## School Bus Safety

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

We want to remind you about staying safe around school buses.

School Bus Drivers have a hard time seeing people and objects that are very close to the bus. You might think that because you can see the bus, the driver can see you, but that is not true. If you are too close to the bus, the driver cannot see you, and that is why the area close to a bus is called the "danger zone".

Remember to stay at least three (3) meters away from the front and back of a school bus at all times. If you are getting onto the bus, stand in line with others and listen for instructions. When you are getting off the bus, listen to the driver and always watch for vehicles.

Thank you for your attention today.

## Halloween Night/Trick-or-Treating

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

When you are out trick-or-treating on Halloween, remember this important safety tip: never criss-cross the street as you go from house-to-house. Instead, visit all the houses on one side of the street, and then cross at the corner. When you have crossed properly, you can visit the houses on the other side of the street.

Also, make sure you choose a costume that is safe to wear. Make sure the costume will not get tangled around your legs or make it difficult to keep your balance. Make sure your shoes will not fall off. Wear makeup on your face instead of a mask because a mask can cover your eyes and make it difficult to see.

Trick-or-treating is fun and safe if you follow the proper traffic safety rules. Have a great Halloween!

Thank you for your attention today.

## Drivers Seeing You

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

The most important thing to remember when you are crossing the street is making sure that all vehicles have stopped before you step off the curb. And the best way to make sure the driver sees you is by making eye contact with the driver.

Some drivers do not pay attention, and that can be very dangerous if the pedestrian is not paying attention either. That is when serious collisions occur, and people can get badly hurt. It is also important to keep toques, scarves and hoods away from your eyes when you are trying to cross the street. If you are too bundled up you might not be able to see. At every crosswalk, uncover your eyes and take a good look in all directions.

It's important to stay warm, but it's even more important to make eye contact with drivers when you cross the street.

Thank you for your attention today.

## Walking to School

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

We have all seen how busy it can be in front of our school with cars, trucks and buses. For every student who walks to school, there is one less vehicle dropping them off in the morning and afternoon.

So if you want to help make the school a safer place, why not ask your parent(s) to park a little further away and you can walk together or walk to school with other students.

If you have not walked to school before, ask someone you trust to walk with you and show you the way. They can point out any dangerous things along the route, and you will learn to get to school safely by yourself. Remember to follow all the traffic safety rules, and enjoy your walk to school!

Thank you for your attention today.

## Seatbelts

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

If you are like most people, you probably like to ride in the front seat of a vehicle. But did you know that the front seat is NOT the safest place for a young person? That's right. The safest place for a young person to ride is in the back seat!

And of course, everyone in the vehicle should be wearing a seatbelt, so remember to buckle up as soon as you get in.

It is very important to wear your seatbelt on short car trips, as well as long ones. Some people think that if they are only going a short distance they don't have to wear a seatbelt, but that is not safe. Even for a short trip to the store, make sure to fasten your seatbelt to stay safe.

Thank you for your attention today.

## Shortest way not the safest way

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

I want to remind you that the shortest way is not always the safest way.

Sometimes you might want to save time by cutting across the street between crosswalks, or you might want to cut across a parking lot. It is never safe to jaywalk, and it is not a good idea to cut through parking lots.

If your parents drive you to school, wait until they have safely parked and always get out on the side closest to the sidewalk. Stay alert and always follow the rules for crossing the street and you will be much safer.

Thank you for your attention today.

## Winter stopping Distance

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

When the streets are covered with ice and snow, it takes much longer for a vehicle to stop. This makes a big difference when you are trying to cross the street, because you have to be much more careful, and you have to make sure that a vehicle is going to be able to stop in time.

In the summer, a vehicle can stop very quickly because the road is dry. But in the winter, sometimes a driver will TRY to stop, but the vehicle will slide and go right through the intersection due to snowy and icy roads.

So when the weather is cold and the road is snowy or icy, make sure you are extra careful when you cross the street. Give the driver plenty of notice that you want to cross and make sure the vehicle is stopped before you cross the street.

Thank you for your attention today.

## Order on the Bus

Good morning/afternoon, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with a traffic safety message from CAA School Safety Patrol.

When riding the bus, it's important that the Bus Driver focus on their job – safely getting us to and from school.

When students are loud and noisy on the bus, not staying in their seats or throwing things out of the windows, the Bus Driver is distracted by what's happening and can't completely focus on driving and that's not a good thing. After all, they are transporting precious cargo – you!

So the next time you are on a school bus, keep conversations low or whisper stay in your seats and don't put anything out the windows – including yourself.

Thank you for your attention today.