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Ventura County Events

Hueneme Beach Festival
Sept. 7 - 8 11am to 7pm
Surfside Drive

***Ventura Art & Street
 Painting Festival***
Sept. 14 - 15 10am to 5pm
Ventur Harbor Village

***Simi Valley Apricot
 Festival***
Sept. 21st
Strathearn Historical Park

***Ventura County
 Coastal Clean Up***
Sept. 21st 9am to 12pm
Beaches & Waterways
Throughout Ventura County

ArtWalk Ventura
Sept. 21 - 22 11am to 4pm
Main St. Downtown Ventura

Fall Harvest Festival
Sept. 28th to Oct. 31st
Underwood Family Farms

Back To School Safety For Drivers



School is almost back in session! School starting means more traffic, more pedestrians (small ones!), and more young drivers. Because of this, it's important to sharpen your driving skills to prevent any potential incidents. Keeping our students safe is every driver's responsibility, so

we're sharing some back-to-school safety tips for drivers.

Be aware of school buses.

To keep the roads as safe as possible, review school bus safety laws and keep your eyes peeled for buses and bus stops. Most importantly, NEVER pass a bus that has the stop arm out. Even if you're driving in the opposite direction. Remember to also leave a good stopping distance between you and a bus so they can safely slow down and park at a bus stop.

Stay alert!

Talking or texting on your cell phone, pumping, eating, sleep deprivation, and much more are HUGE distractions. These distractions may not seem like a big deal, but pulling your eyes off the road for a few seconds can have BIG consequences. This is an even bigger risk with the increased foot, bike, and car traffic that comes with the new school year. Stay focused and eliminate distractions.

Be aware of school zones.

Stay within the speed limits, and keep your eye out for school zones. When you reach a school zone, you'll have to slow down at certain times of the day. These signs are usually marked with yellow on a standard speed limit sign.

Watch for pedestrians, children and cyclists.

As we've mentioned, when school starts, you encounter more than just vehicle traffic. You'll find kids walking and biking to school, sometimes with family and sometimes not. We don't need to explain why this makes the roads more dangerous! Pay attention no matter where you are, even if you're not near a crosswalk with a crossing guard. Kids may choose to cross the street between cars, in the middle of the street, or across an intersection. Don't focus only on other cars; stay alert to spot those little pedestrians!

Welcome to Ventura Management!

Shane Knight

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2nd Celebrating America's Labor Movement

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Back To School Safety For Drivers (Cont.)

Prepare and give yourself extra time.

New schedules often mean rushing to work or the school drop-off. This only increases the danger. You may exceed speed limits and get distracted by your frustration. To prevent that frantic morning rush, get backpacks and outfits ready the night before.

Be mindful of drop-off.

Follow all your school's drop-off rules and be aware of kids who might be weaving through parked cars. Additionally, don't pass cars stopped to load or unload children because you don't know which direction they might run in! Stay super alert and drive slowly at the busy school drop-off.



Don't block the crosswalk.

If you're coming up to a stop sign or red light, do not block the crosswalk. Not only is parking in the crosswalk inconvenient for the pedestrians walking through, but it's also unsafe! If you roll into a crosswalk, you could hit someone crossing the intersection at the same moment. It's very important for drivers to slow down early and stop BEFORE the crosswalk.

Ensure your kids are in the right seat.

Since there are more dangers on the road than ever when driving during school drop-off and pick-up hours, ensure your child is in the right car seat. The right car seat installed correctly reduces the risk of injury in an accident by 82%! Unfortunately, up to 40% of children are NOT in a proper child restraint system. Not sure if your child should be rear-facing or forward-facing? Should they still be in a booster? Can they sit in the front seat? How about buckling? If you're not sure try contacting your local police department or fire department for answers to your questions.

There's a lot to worry about with the return of the school year. School supplies shopping, orientation, extracurricular sign-ups, and that unfinished summer reading list and assignments are all swirling around in your head and stressing you out! Don't let back-to-school safety be another point of worry. Make a plan, prepare yourself, and brush up on school driving safety to help keep your kids, yourself, and keep our community safe.

September Quote:

The greatest weapon against stress is our ability to choose one thought over another.

... William James

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