



## THE ROLE OF A CROSSING GUARD

Crossing guards direct the movement of children when approaching, using and leaving a crosswalk.

Crossing guards also:

- balance traffic and pedestrian flow with a focus on children's safety.
- create gaps in vehicular traffic to provide safe passage at designated school crossings.
- exercise sound judgement and effective communication to crosswalk users regarding safe crossing practices.

# We're HIRING

Make a difference in the community and become a school crossing guard.

Applicants must be able to commit to a contract that runs from September until the end of June with a flexible and open weekday schedule. Crossing guards are paid for a minimum of three hours a day and travel reimbursements, if applicable.

## CONTACT US

For more information or to apply to become a crossing guard:

- **visit** [vaughan.ca/CrossingGuard](http://vaughan.ca/CrossingGuard).
- **call** Access Vaughan at 905-832-2281.
- **email** [careers@vaughan.ca](mailto:careers@vaughan.ca) with "Crossing Guard" in the subject line.
- **go to** the Joint Operations Centre at 2800 Rutherford Rd., Vaughan.



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# CROSSWALK and CROSSING GUARD *Awareness*

## IT'S THE LAW

- Drivers and cyclists can only proceed through the intersection when pedestrians have crossed and are safely on the sidewalk. Fines are applicable.
- The stop sign carried by a crossing guard has the same legal authority as a stop sign at an intersection.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR STUDENTS

- Wait for the crossing guard to signal to allow you to cross the street.
- Cross only at marked crosswalks, signalized traffic stops or traffic lights.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Teach your child how to cross the road safely by reviewing safety practices throughout the school year.
- Remind children to look both ways before crossing the road and stop at the edge of the sidewalk before stepping onto the street.
- Encourage children to use sidewalks and stay as far away from traffic as possible.
- Ensure children never run or walk between parked cars when exiting or entering school property.
- Advise children to listen to the crossing guard's directions when approaching an intersection.



## SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

- Don't park near or on a crosswalk.
- Don't block a crossing guard's line of sight.
- Drive slowly through **designated school zones**, residential areas or any area where children could be walking.
- Always look both ways for pedestrians, especially when turning.
- Be patient, be alert and avoid all distractions. Using a cell phone while driving is against the law and will incur heavy fines and driver penalties.
- Crossing guards use their whistle to gain the attention of distracted drivers, as well as assist those with visual or hearing impairments.