



# BREA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **It's Back to School! Brea Police Department Encourages the Public to Stay Aware and Stay Safe in School Zones**

Brea, Calif. - As students head back to the classroom, schools and the communities around them are going to be busier than they've been since the start of the pandemic.

The Brea Police Department reminds everyone to stay aware and stay safe with increased traffic returning to school zones.

This includes remembering what to do around school buses.

California law requires drivers to stop when a school bus is in front of them and extends its stop sign with flashing red lights. Drivers must remain stopped if the red lights are on. Drivers in both directions must stop on any two-lane road without a median or a center turn lane.

The Brea Police Department offers the following tips to stay safe around schools:

- Slow down.
- Follow any school rules for dropping off or picking up students.
- Stop for school buses. Watch for children rushing to catch the bus or exiting.
- Whenever possible, avoid blocking the crosswalk while waiting to make a right-hand turn.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street. Make sure cars see you.
- Walk on sidewalks, when available. Cross at marked crosswalks, preferably at stop signs or signals.
- Watch for cars entering or backing out of driveways or leaving parking spaces.



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