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The Dodge County Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists to keep kids safe this new school year. With summer ending and the start of a new school year on September 1, drivers need to do their part to keep kids safe as they walk and bike to school. Whether you are taking your kids to school or just driving through a school zone, you can do your part to keep kids safe.

Dodge County Highway Safety Coordinator, Joel Kiesow states, "It's even more important for drivers not to be distracted or talking and texting on their phones as driving patterns change. School zone speed limits will be enforced and kids will be crossing at intersections. Turning off your cell phone is one of the smartest things you can do."

Remember these back to school safety tips!

Bus Safety:

- Motorists are required to stop no closer than 20 feet when approaching a school bus stopped with its red lights flashing and Stop arms extended. New this year are the yellow flashing lights on the school bus- this simply means that the school bus is about to stop and put on the red flashers.
- Motorist should be alert and watch for children especially near schools, bus stops, school buses and in school parking lots.

While Driving:

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections and sidewalks
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Put down your phone and don't talk and text while driving

Reminder for kids:

- They should cross the street with an adult or crossing guard until they are at least 10 years old
- Cross the street at corners using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Never run into the streets or cross in between parked cars
- Make sure they walk in front of the school bus where the driver can see them.

Please have a safety talk with your kids and let's have a safe school year.