

HOW-TO-GUIDE

12 Steps to a Safe School Parking Lot



Navigating around school buses, busy pick-up/drop-off zones, and the general bustle of school kids can make school parking lots a dangerous place. **Keep yours safe – follow Seton's 12 easy steps!**

■ Step 1: Make pick-up/drop-off time hassle-free

Designate specific areas for student pick-up and drop-off and label them boldly with highly visible signs.

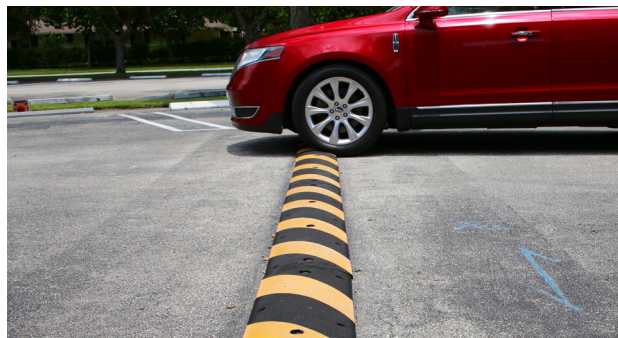


■ Step 2: Keep traffic speed and flow under control

Mount traffic control signs on sign posts throughout your lot to keep traffic moving in an orderly fashion.

■ Step 3: Thwart speed demons

Install speed bumps at frequent intervals to reinforce safe driving speeds on school grounds.





■ Step 4: Identify parking spaces and vehicles

Designate specific parking spaces for faculty, students, and visitors so people can navigate your lot efficiently and easily. For an additional safety identification measure, add parking permits to your school visitation procedure process.

■ Step 5: Equip your crossing guards

Help your safety personnel keep pedestrians out of harm's way with the aid of handheld signs, paddles, and pedestrian crossing signs. Remember to keep them safe too with highly visible safety vests!



■ Step 6: Just say "No"

No parking, that is! Make parents and other visitors aware of restricted parking areas by posting signage throughout your lot. This will help keep traffic moving and avoid unnecessary confusion.

■ Step 7: Mark Bus Lanes

Use signs or parking lot stencils to keep the wheels on the bus in their designated lane and other vehicles out. Boldly labeling bus lanes helps facilitate safe, quick student loading and unloading.



■ Step 8: Keep trespassers at bay

Post no trespassing and other important security signs to discourage damage to and improper use of school property.

■ Step 9: Light the way

Provide adequate lighting for added safety, security, and nighttime visibility. Be sure to notify maintenance workers or custodians of any burnt out bulbs so these can be changed as soon as possible.



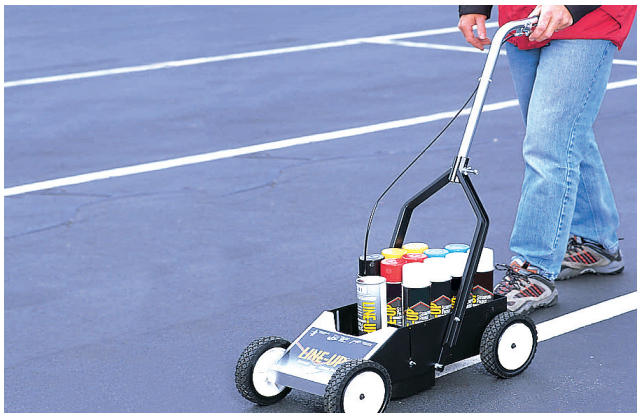


■ Step 10: Maintain a clear line of vision at all times

Overgrown landscaping can obstruct drivers' field of vision, increasing the likelihood of a collision. Be sure to keep trees and shrubbery around your school grounds trimmed at all times to reduce the possibility of any vehicular or pedestrian accidents.

■ Step 11: Prevent entry into off limit areas

Use parking cones and stanchion systems to cordon off restricted areas in an efficient, organized, highly visible manner.



■ Step 12: Establish clear boundaries throughout your lot

Use a striping machine to refresh safety lines in your parking lot and keep drivers aware of where they can and cannot be.

And don't forget:

Education is a **vital component** to school safety and the overall success of your security measures. Involve students and parents in the process by briefing them on important changes via **school assemblies, afterschool meetings, and printed materials**.