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We are reaching out to all Markham schools at the end of the school year to make you aware of the many complaints the City receives each year about parking and unsafe vehicular activity in school zones and to communicate some new initiatives.

The City of Markham has over 90 schools and Public safety is important to us. We continue to do everything we can to address all of the complaints received. Despite signage, continuing education and enforcement, people unfortunately, are continuing to park their vehicles in violation. Rest assured, our schools are patrolled regularly. In addition, we continue to work closely with York Regional Police and Fire and Emergency Services throughout the year to attend to the schools who have requested additional assistance.

Recently, the City's Parking Enforcement Unit has implemented some new penalties for vehicles parked or stopped in violation in a school zone to help address the safety issues. Vehicles parked within 100 ft. (30m) of a school zone will be subject to increased fines starting in September.

We will be contacting all of our schools again in September to explain the increased penalties and to provide additional educational tools; resources, and recommendations related to parking around schools.

In the meantime, General inquiries and parking complaints, including on street parking, from concerned residents/parents should be directed to the Contact Centre at 905 477 7000 ext. 2050.

For all, general information regarding parking please feel free to visit the City of Markham website at [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca).

Please help us Keep School Zones Safe and have a Great Summer!

Sincerely,

Trudy Jay  
Acting Parking Supervisor  
City of Markham

"The real penalty for not obeying traffic regulations is that you may risk the safety of children!"