

# School's open - Drivers, parents and students work together to avoid crash injuries in school zones

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Help start the school year off right by keeping your children and yourself safe while commuting to and from school and activities. Every fall, about 285,000 students return to school in Nebraska. Each year, approximately 40 crashes occur in school crossing zones involving 74 people annually. Of people involved in school zone crashes, the majority (40%) of those injured are 18 years and younger. School zone driving safety is important to all Nebraskans.

**Tips for drivers:** drive carefully, slowly and yield to pedestrians.

**Tips for students:** cross the street, approach and leave vehicles carefully.

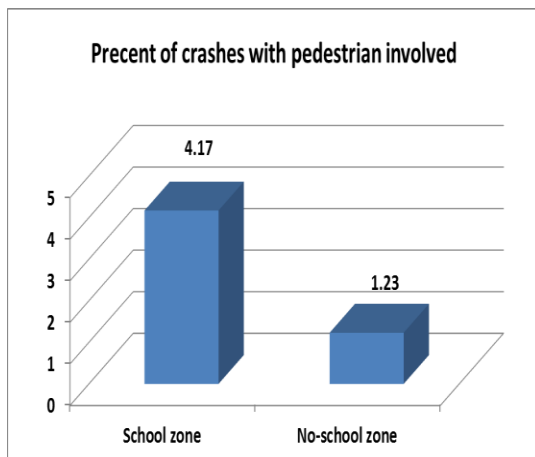


Figure 1. A higher percentage of crashes involving pedestrians occurred in school zones from 2005 to 2012.

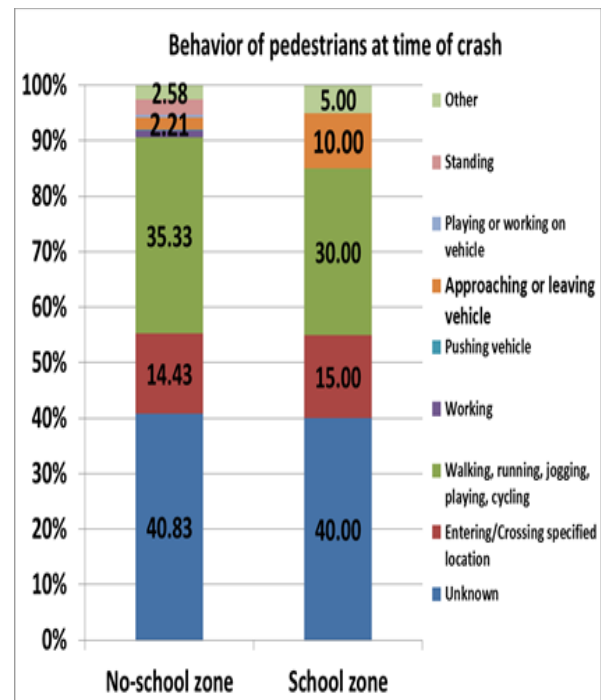


Figure 3. For school zone crashes a greater percentage of pedestrians were approaching or leaving a vehicle at the time of crash compared to crashes occurring elsewhere.

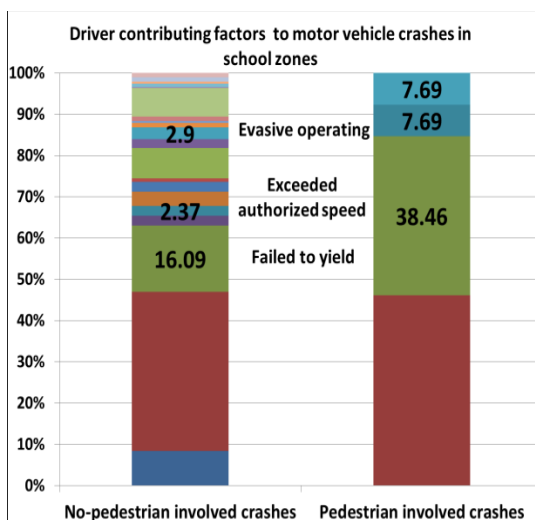


Figure 2. Driver contributing factors are different between pedestrian involved and no-pedestrian involved school zone crashes.

**Tips for parents:** speak often with your students about school zone safety.

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## Nebraska Crash Outcomes Data Evaluation System (CODES)

Website: [http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/codes\\_index.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/codes_index.aspx)

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