

## Driver caught going four times the speed limit

The City of Edmonton is reminding motorists to slow down after automated enforcement detected a vehicle driving 120 km per hour in a school zone, four times faster than the 30 km per hour limit.

The incident took place on November 4 near St. Richard Elementary School, minutes before kindergarten dismissal time.



"A child struck at that speed has a zero per cent chance of surviving," says Gerry Shimko, Executive Director of Traffic Safety. "A driver travelling 120 km/h needs 102 metres to stop, including 24 metres just to react and hit the brakes. That's eight and a half times the distance required to stop a vehicle which is travelling at the speed limit."

So far this year, automated enforcement has issued nearly 15,000 tickets for speeding in school zones.

A 30 km per hour school zone speed limit is in effect near elementary schools weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Office of Traffic Safety reminds drivers that school zone speed limits are set for the safety of all road users. Roadways around schools also support day-care drop off and pickup, families using the school grounds, and extra curricular activities. With the decrease in daylight hours, both drivers and pedestrians are reminded of their shared responsibility in using the roads safely.

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