IT’S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Stay alert on the road this school year. The greatest risk to a child isn't riding a bus, but approaching or leaving one! Put the cell phones down and slow down when driving, especially before and after school. Be cautious of children when driving and when working in areas where children are present.

Cell phones are not the only distraction when driving. Drinking, eating and applying makeup are distracting behaviors. Our children deserve our attention to the road while driving.

Child abduction is a serious problem in America and we have an obligation to provide information to prevent this crime. If witnessing a scared or stressed child, pay attention to the surroundings and document events; such as a following car, what is the make and model, and get a license plate number. Crimes need to be reported by calling 911. Everyone needs to be alert at all times as drivers.

It is also important for technicians working on the street to provide a safe working area where children may pass by. Working with ladders on the street or sidewalks could be extremely dangerous. Placing orange cones around work areas to keep people at a safe distance is a good practice. If children are walking near a work area, make them aware of where you are and where they should walk to be safe. Be aware, alert, safe and focused on your safety and the safety of others.

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