

# NEW ROAD RULES IN EFFECT!

## A REMINDER TO ALL DRIVERS AND CYCLISTS!

As of January 2016, all motorists must stop and yield the whole roadway at:

- Pedestrian crossovers;
- School Crossings where there is a guard displaying a school crossing stop sign.

Motorists can **NO** longer turn left, right or proceed through a crosswalk on the clear half of the roadway.

You now **MUST** wait until the entire crosswalk is empty of both pedestrians and the School Crossing Guard.

- S**top, when you approach a School Crossing Location  
**T**ake notice of whether there is a guard on duty  
**O**bey the Highway Traffic Act and wait for guard to completely exit the crosswalk  
**P**roceed with caution



THIS REMINDER IS BROUGHT TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOL CROSSING PROGRAMS ACROSS THE NIAGARA REGION:



The School Crossing Guard Program operates under the mandate of the [Highway Traffic Act](#), Section 176, as amended, which reads:

### Highway Traffic Act (H.T.A.) - School crossings

[176. \(1\)](#) in this section,

“School crossing guard” means a person sixteen years of age or older who is directing the movement of persons across a highway and who is,

- Employed by a municipality, or
- Employed by a corporation under contract with a municipality to provide the services of a school crossing guard. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 176 (1); 2005, c. 14, s. 1 (1).

### School Crossing Guard shall display sign

[176. \(2\)](#) A school crossing guard about to direct persons across a highway with a speed limit not in excess of 60 kilometres per hour shall, prior to entering the roadway, display a school crossing stop sign in an upright position so that it is visible to vehicles approaching from each direction and shall continue

to so display the school crossing stop sign until all persons, including the school crossing guard, have cleared the roadway. 2005, c. 26, Sched. A, s. 29 (1).

#### **Vehicles approaching guard displaying sign**

[176 \(3\)](#) Where a school crossing guard displays a school crossing stop sign as provided in subsection (2), the driver of any vehicle or street car approaching the school crossing guard shall stop before reaching the crossing and shall remain stopped until all persons, including the school crossing guard, have cleared the roadway and it is safe to proceed. 2005, c. 26, Sched. A, s. 29 (1). *As amended under the Making Ontario's Road Safer Act 2014*

#### **Display of school crossing stop sign**

[176 \(4\)](#) A school crossing guard shall not display on a highway a school crossing stop sign under any circumstances other than those set out in subsection (2). R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 176 (4).

#### **Idem**

[176 \(5\)](#) No person other than a school crossing guard shall display on a highway a school crossing stop sign. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 176 (5).

#### **Offence**

[\(5.1\)](#) Every person who contravenes subsection (3) is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$500. 2005, c. 26, Sched. A, s. 29 (2).

#### **Regulations**

[\(6\)](#) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the type, design and specifications of school crossing stop signs. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 176 (6).