

## Parking restrictions near schools

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### INTERSECTIONS

Parking near intersections is often removed to increase visibility of pedestrians beginning to cross. Vehicles parked or stopped in those areas can create an unsafe hiding place for pedestrians waiting to cross. Vehicles may not have enough time to react to pedestrians crossing the street.

Parking may also be removed near intersections to facilitate traffic maneuvers in narrow streets. Vehicles parked or stopped in those areas can create bottlenecks which may encourage drivers to perform unsafe maneuvers.

### CROSSWALKS

Parking near crosswalks is often removed to increase visibility of pedestrians beginning to cross. Vehicles parked or stopped in those areas can create an unsafe hiding place for pedestrians waiting to cross. Vehicles may not have enough time to react to pedestrians crossing the street. Crosswalks are also strategically marked to direct pedestrians and to alert drivers of where pedestrians may cross. Blocking a crosswalk would encourage pedestrians to cross at other locations where vehicles are not expecting.

### HANDICAP ACCESS

Handicap access locations are designed to provide safe and adequate access to those who need it. Vehicles are not allowed to park or stop in front of these access points. This could block the only access a disabled pedestrian might have or force them to use a different area that is not safe.

### TIME RESTRICTIVE PARKING

Some areas are restricted to a specific amount of time to ensure a desired vehicle turnaround rate is accomplished. This is done in areas where curbside near the school is limited. When vehicles are parked at those locations longer than specified other vehicles are forced to drop off children in areas that are less desirable and which could be dangerous.

### SCHOOL BUS ZONES

Given the size of buses and the amount of children they carry, special loading and unloading zones are provided. This allows ample room for buses to make wide maneuvers and it provides a safe location for children to load and unload buses. When a vehicle is illegally parked in those locations, buses are forced to either wait for the vehicle to move, which could impact schedules, or find a different location to park, which could be dangerous for children to enter and exit the bus.

### WRONG WAY PARKING

When vehicles park or stop on the wrong side of the street, whether it is for a long period of time or just a few seconds is prohibited anywhere in the City of Portland. All traffic laws are made to create order and a certain level of prediction of what vehicles are going to do. When a driver parks their vehicles in the opposite direction, the vehicle travels in the wrong direction while entering and leaving the parking spot. Other vehicles on the road are not expecting this and it could cause a crash.

### FIRE HYDRANTS

The law requires a clearance of 10 feet on each sides of a hydrant. Vehicles are not allowed to park or stop in this clearance area. In case of a fire emergency, firefighters will need to draw water from a fire hydrant and they need enough space around it to connect hoses and other equipment.

### DRIVEWAYS

Vehicles are not allowed to stop or park in front of a driveway. These areas could be the only access to someone's home or to emergency vehicles. Owners need access to their property at all times.