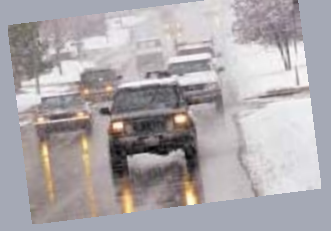
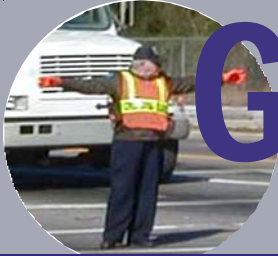


Crossing Guards **Be Seen. Be Safe.**



“It was raining really hard and visibility wasn’t great, and I saw her step off the curb and I slammed on the brakes... I couldn’t stop, and it went right over her.”
News article quoting an SUV driver who struck and killed a crossing guard.

FROM 1993 TO 2005, 13 NJ ADULT CROSSING GUARDS WERE **KILLED** WHEN STRUCK BY MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE AT WORK. AN ADDITIONAL 121 ADULT CROSSING GUARDS SUFFERED **INJURIES** SERIOUS ENOUGH TO REQUIRE FULL DAYS AWAY FROM WORK AS A RESULT OF MOTOR VEHICLE-RELATED ACCIDENTS.

New Jersey state law requires crossing guards to receive training* and wear high-visibility clothing.

**a minimum of two hours of classroom and 20 hours of supervised field training*

Required Equipment



◀ **ANSI** Class 2 safety vest**

** American National Standards Institute

Distinctive crossing guard uniform with ▶
 breast and hat badges with ID#



Useful Equipment



◀ **Retroreflective ‘STOP’ paddle**

Retroreflective gloves ▶



◀ **Whistle**

School crossing signs ▶



Don't Forget!

- ✓ Proceed cautiously into the crosswalk as you alert motorists to stop.
- ✓ Don't assume a vehicle will stop just because you're holding a STOP sign.
- ✓ Give vehicles more time to stop during wet and icy conditions.
- ✓ Watch out for passing or turning vehicles.
- ✓ Be aware that larger vehicles require longer distances to stop safely.
- ✓ Hold up your STOP sign until you and the children have cleared the crosswalk.

See back for Resources.

Protect Yourself! Protect the Children!



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Resources:

- New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) 40A:9-154: Adult school crossing guards; appointment; term; revocation; qualifications; supervision and direction.
- US DOT, Federal Highway Administration, 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, Part 7. (<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>). Adopted into NJ Law as per NJSA 39:4-8b. December 2005.
- "Street Smart is Street Safe," a 14-minute Crossing Guard Training Video (2007), developed by the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (www.njmel.org) with the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police, the New Jersey Network, the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, and Commerce Risk Control Services.
- "Safe Crossings," Adult School Crossing Guard Training Program (2004), a publication of the Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education, American Automobile Association (AAA).
- Safe Routes to School, Adult School Crossing Guard Guidelines: www.saferoutesinfo.org/guide/crossing_guard/index.cfm.
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Standard for High-Visibility Safety Apparel, ANSI 107-1999 Class 2 – including raincoats, jackets, and vests: www.ansi.org.
- New Jersey Fatal Occupational Injury Statistics – Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) Project, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
- New Jersey Non-fatal Occupational Injury Statistics – Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
- New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, FACE Report 05NJ090, School Crossing Guard Struck and Killed by a Sport Utility Vehicle: www.nj.gov/health/eoh/survweb/documents/05nj090.pdf.

The New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services, in conjunction with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), is currently conducting a research study of fatal work-related injuries. This project, known as FACE (Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation), seeks to identify the factors that contribute to work-related injuries. The FACE study will help in the development and use of improved safety measures for preventing injuries.

This bulletin is also available on the FACE Web site at www.nj.gov/health/survweb/face.htm. If you have any comments or questions, or need additional copies of this bulletin, please contact the FACE Project Coordinator at (609) 984-1863 or via e-mail at surveillance@doh.state.nj.us.

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