

The School Safety Patrol Program

Each year, children travel to and from school almost 400 times. This can lead to concerns about pedestrian and traffic safety around schools.

The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is working together with schools and school districts to increase the safety of students and their families when traveling to and from school. The Foundation's School Safety Patrol Program provides safety patrol equipment, training materials and student resources to train students on standard patrol procedures and recommended safety practices. Students from grades five to seven learn to properly guide and direct children and their families as they cross roadways at or near schools.

In addition, the program addresses environmental and health concerns by decreasing dangerous traffic congestion, reducing harmful vehicle emissions and encouraging students to choose more physically active modes of travel to school.



Who benefits from the School Safety Patrol Program?

The community – The School Safety Patrol Program helps foster closer ties with the neighbouring community. Student patrollers are visible ambassadors for their school and assist both parents and their children at school crossings. Participation of a number of schools within a school district provides consistent training across the district. In addition, consistent training within a district allows for drivers travelling through different school zones to easily identify patrollers and respond to standard safety patrol procedures.

The school – While the obvious benefit to the school is reduced congestion and pedestrian safety in the immediate area of the school, there are additional benefits. The school is providing students with an opportunity to learn leadership and teamwork skills and develop a sense of community service. Participating schools often find that the School Safety Patrol helps to increase the school's visibility in the community. Providing a safe access to school encourages families to be active and choose alternative ways to travel to school as well as reduce harmful vehicle emissions.

The student patrollers – Being a safety patroller provides students with learning opportunities. They receive proper training, and, through the program, develop a sense of responsibility and citizenship. Student patrollers become role models for younger students. The school safety patrol receive recognition from their school community for their commitment and dedication.

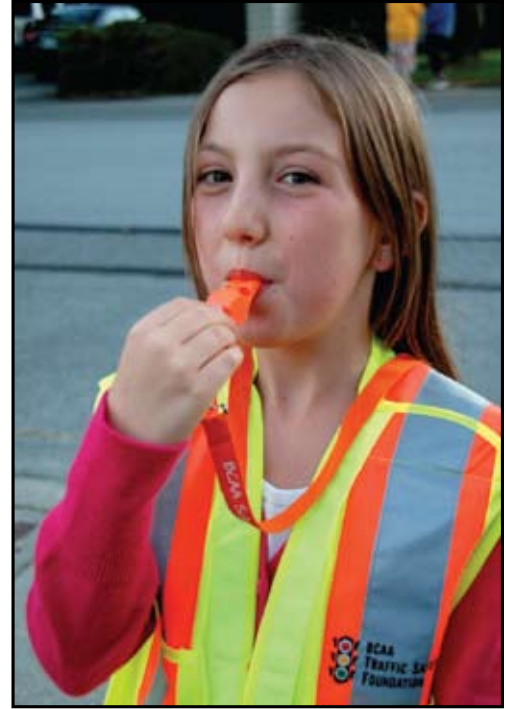
Working together for a safer school zone

The elementary school and the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation assume specific roles and responsibilities to support the program and to ensure the safety of young children and their families.

The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation provides safety patrol equipment, training materials and student resources.

School boards are responsible for approving the use of a BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation-sponsored patrol program in their district.

Each school is responsible for school patrol operations, such as scheduling, patrol team supervision, monitoring and student patrol training using the tools and resources provided. Program costs vary as each school is able to choose a package of resources and individual items that best meets their school's needs.



Student patrollers

Student patrollers are intermediate elementary students who guide fellow students and prevent them from entering traffic when it is unsafe. When safe, patrollers direct students to cross. Patrollers are on duty only at crossings where there are safe gaps in the regular flow of traffic.

Patrol members are ambassadors for their schools and should be prepared to:

- Report for patrol duty on time.
- Set a good example for other students and strive to earn their respect.
- Participate on and commit to a team.
- Report the dangerous practices of other students to school officials.
- Obey teachers and other adults involved with the school safety patrol.

Patrollers must:

- Be responsible elementary school students (grades 5 to 7)
- Have parental consent.
- Be able to physically perform their duties in all weather conditions.

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(604) 297-2153.