

# 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 2016, **16** NJ adult crossing guards were **killed** when struck by motor vehicles while at work. An additional **231** 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 mandates that crossing guards receive training\* and use required personal protective equipment.**

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

## Required Equipment



**ANSI Type R Class 2 safety vest\*\***

\*\* Equivalent to Type 2 vest previously required by ANSI (American National Standards Institute)

Retroreflective ‘STOP’ paddle



**Distinctive crossing guard uniform with breast and hat badges with ID number**

## Useful Equipment



**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.
- ✓ Use hand signals for motorists and verbal signals for children.

***See back for Resources.***

**Protect Yourself! Protect the Children!**



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## RESOURCES

### Training Resources including videos

- New Jersey Safe Routes to School (NJSRTS) – Crossing Guards: <http://www.njcrossingguards.org/>
- Adult School Crossing Guard Training Program, AAA Mid-Atlantic: <http://midatlantic.aaa.com/Foundation/SchoolPrograms/SchoolsOpenDriveCarefully/>

### Personal Protective Equipment

- US DOT, Federal Highway Administration, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways [https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/2009/pdf\\_index.htm](https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/2009/pdf_index.htm)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Standard for High-Visibility Safety Apparel and Accessories, ANSI/ISEA 107-2015 Type R Class 2. <https://www.ansi.org/>

### New Jersey Statutes

- N.J.A.C. 40A:9-154.1 -- Adult school crossing guards; appointment; term; revocation; qualifications; supervision and direction [pdf 12k] <http://www.nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/documents/occupational-health-surveillance/njac40a9.pdf>
- N.J.A.C. 39:4-80.1 -- Penalty for failure to comply with school crossing guard's signal to stop [pdf 13k] [http://www.nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/documents/occupational-health-surveillance/njac39\\_4\\_80.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/documents/occupational-health-surveillance/njac39_4_80.pdf)
- N.J.A.C. 39:4-36 -- Driver to stop for pedestrian: exceptions, violations. penalties. <http://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/pedestrian.html>

### Fatality Investigation Reports

- NJ Department of Health, Fatality Report 05NJ090, School Crossing Guard Struck and Killed by a Sport Utility Vehicle: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/face/stateface/nj/05nj090.html>

### Injury Statistics Sources

- Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) Project, NJ Department of Health, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshstate.htm>.
- Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor: <https://www.nj.gov/labor/safetyandhealth/resources-support/survey-occupational-injuries-illness/>

