

# School Safety Zones

## Expert Insights

73 experts from across Ontario shared insights on the efficacy and function of school safety zones, along with some ideas for improvement.

Experts came from: municipal government ( $n = 46$ ), education ( $n = 15$ ), non-government organizations ( $n = 3$ ), and four ( $n = 4$ ) preferred not to answer.

# 82%

Believe the *HTA* definition does **NOT** adequately protect children

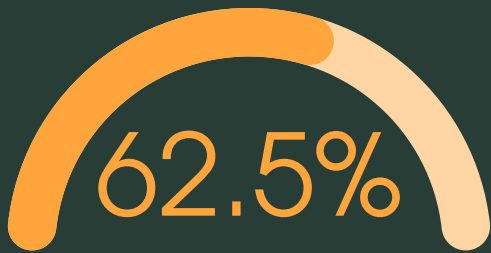


Infrastructure.  
Laws.  
Money.



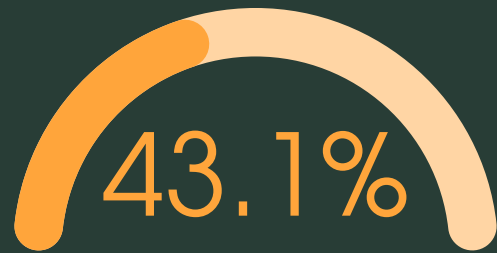
Experts highlighted the importance of prioritizing children by using Complete Streets designs within school safety zones and surrounding neighbourhoods. Additionally, many supported School Streets as an important change towards increased school safety and overall wellbeing of students and their families.

### What do experts say School Zones should do?



**Children Crossing Safely**

Experts say the #1 purpose of a school safety zone should be **children crossing safely**.



**Children Walking or Rolling Safely**

Experts say the #2 purpose should be **children's safe movement** through the school safety zone as pedestrians or cyclists.

**The least supported purpose was for vehicles to move efficiently.**



Collaboration.  
Community  
Engagement.  
Student-Centred.  
Culture Shift.

Experts recommend four areas for improvement to the school safety zone:

- Increase size beyond 150m and measure on all sides of the school.
- Include more restrictions - target all road laws, make U-turns illegal, and restrict parking around schools.
- Use education and communication strategies to increase roadway safety awareness and better behaviours.
- Improve community design and function to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists.