



SCHOOL IS OUT - SO ARE THE KIDS

Week of 05/24/26 - 05/30/26

Another school year is finishing, and the temperatures are warming up. In the fall, we talk about our kids going back to school and the extra activity we need to look out for while working or driving. Those activities will change now that the summer months approach. Here are some things to be aware of during and after your workday:

- Kids will be out and active all day now instead of just before and after school. For those jobsites within communities or in public areas, protecting your work areas becomes vital. Good barricading is a must.
- Driving during work hours, driving home and after work hours bring new challenges. Driving near parks, ball fields, community areas, or anywhere a congregation of kids may be, needs to be done with extra focus, watching for kids darting out into traffic to chase a loose ball or just following their friends without looking, especially when they appear from nowhere between parked cars!!
- This is the time of year for end of year school celebrations as well, such as graduations. These bring all the challenges you will see in general driving but concentrated within a block or within a couple addresses depending on the party. Rural areas included, where parking can be unorthodox.
- Technology turns kids' attention away from their task at hand. Watching a video on the phone while biking or walking averts their visual attention, while ear pods can hinder their ability to hear you coming. Pay special attention, slow down and anticipate an adverse action to those that are at crosswalks looking to cross in front of you.
- Large groups of kids can be their own deterrent of what they are doing. They can be more wrapped up in conversation and themselves instead of crossing a road.



These are just some examples of the extra hazards that kids can add now that they are home for the summer. Think of some situations where you live or are just particular to your area when kids are involved and take a few seconds to prepare yourself for those possible situations.



