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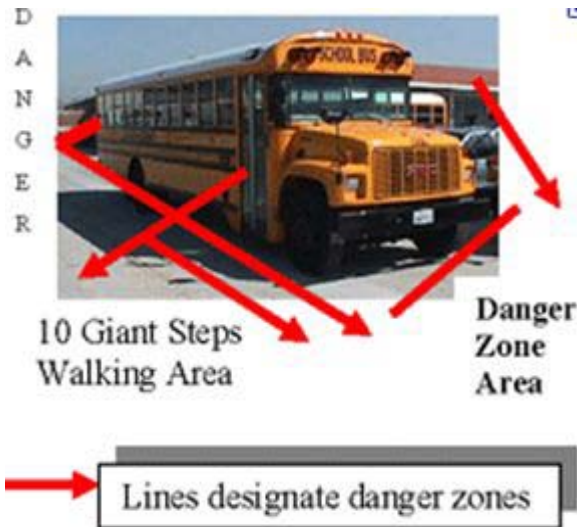


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## **STAY ALERT! IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME**



One week from today, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Okaloosa County students will kick off their new school year, and they'll get to their schools by various means: walking, riding bikes, riding buses, and driving their own cars.

All drivers need to be extra cautious and **give extra time for your commute!** Slow down and be especially alert in school zones and residential neighborhoods and remember, speeding fines are doubled in a school or construction zone.

If you're on a divided highway with an unpaved space of at least five feet, a raised median, or a physical barrier, you don't have to stop IF you're traveling in the OPPOSITE direction of a stopped school bus.

Put down your phone. Don't text and drive.

Remind children to always cross the street only at corners, using traffic signals or the crosswalk, and to always cross the street with an adult until they're at least ten years old.

And if your child rides a bus, make sure you stress that it's critical to always walk out in front of the bus **where the driver can easily see them!**

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