

## **Children at Play**

### **Q. Why doesn't the city use Children at Play signs?**

The City of Lorain often receives requests to install signs warning drivers of the possible presence of "Children at Play." These signs are deceiving and are ineffective. Drivers should expect the presence of children in residential areas.

Studies show that devices attempting to warn motorists of normal conditions or conditions that are not always present do not achieve the desired safety benefits. "Children at Play" signs may give parents and children a false sense of security as the sign is assumed to provide protection, which in reality it does not.

Due to these serious considerations, federal standards no longer include "Children at Play" signs. Special conditions such as warnings of school zones, playgrounds, parks and other recreational facilities, do warrant signing, as these are not easily anticipated by drivers.