

Back to School Safety

Bus Riders

1. Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus
2. Line up 6 feet away from the curb as the bus approaches
3. If seat belts are available, buckle up
4. Do not cross in front of the bus if possible, or walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus until you can see the bus driver and they can see you
5. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before standing



Walkers

1. Walk on the sidewalk; if there is not sidewalk then walk facing traffic
2. Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again
3. Never dart out in front of a parked car
4. Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
5. Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks
6. Never walk while using headphones

Bikers

1. Always wear a helmet that is fitted securely
2. Watch for opening car doors and other hazards
3. Wear bright-colored clothing or reflective gear
4. Use hand signals when turning



Drivers

1. Know where school zones are located on your daily commute
2. If you can, reroute your commute to avoid school zones, if not obey speed limits and pay attention
3. Respect and follow the school crossing guards authority and obey their signals
4. Know the law about driving near school buses, and be prepared to stop
5. Follow the rules when picking up and dropping off children at school
6. Even when not driving in school zones, be mindful of small pedestrians when school is in session
7. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and don't block the crosswalks

