

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

As school starts back up, remember to always be aware of your surroundings. We want you and your children safe this school season!

Walkers

- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street, walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Parents should practice walking to school with their child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available.
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone.
- Do not walk while using headphones.

Bike Riders

- Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly.
- Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across.
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Wear bright-colored clothing.

Bus Riders

- Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Line up six feet away from the curb as the bus approaches.
- If seat belts are available, buckle up.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing.
- Do not cross in front of the bus if possible, or walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the other drivers.

Drivers

- Do not block crosswalks.
- Avoid distractions like phones and changing the radio station to stay alert.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.

