

Safe Routes to Schools Safety Tips!

Tips for EVERYONE

- Plan extra time to travel safely. Do not rush if you are late.
- Use hand gestures and make eye contact to communicate.
- Follow the rules of the road and share the road respectfully.



Plan your route and practice it before the first day of school. If walking or biking, look for neighborhood shortcuts or alternative entrances to the school.

Tips for Walking

- Always stop, look both ways, and listen before crossing a street.
- Use marked crosswalks when possible. If no crosswalk, cross at the corner, not mid-block.
- Walk in the crosswalks (don't run or ride) and obey the crossing guards.

A Walking School Bus increases visibility. Parents save time by taking turns leading the bus.

Tips for Biking

- Always stop, look both ways, and listen before entering or crossing a street.
- Wrong-way riding is twice as dangerous, *even on the sidewalk*. Go with the flow!
- Ride in a straight line away from hazards on the edge of the road.
- Helmets are required by law for minors on bikes, scooters and skateboards in California.

Shadow your student biker frequently to ensure they are riding safely.

Tips for Drivers

- Drive *slowly* and watch for children at all times. Children can be unpredictable.
- Do not allow your child to exit the car unless you are parked legally. Do not double park, park in red zones, or block driveways and crosswalks.
- If you choose to drop-off at the school, then arrive early to avoid congestion.
- If you are running late, ***do not rush to school!***

Be part of the solution, Park and Walk! Find a location a few blocks away from school and walk the rest of the trip. You can decrease traffic and pollution around school and get exercise to wake up your little learner's brain.

