

SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKING AND DRIVING TO SCHOOL

"Every walk, every ride, every day—they're learning how capable they really are."

Walking to School: Safety Tips for Families



For Students Walking:

- **Practice the Route:** Walk the route to school with your child before school starts so they know the safest path.
- **Use Sidewalks & Crosswalks:** Always walk on the sidewalk when possible. Cross at marked crosswalks or intersections.
- **Look Both Ways:** Stop at the curb, look left, right, and left again before crossing.
- **Be Alert:** Avoid using phones or wearing headphones while crossing streets.
- **Walk with a Buddy:** When possible, walk with a friend or group for added safety.
- **Bright & Visible Clothing:** Wear bright colors or reflective gear, especially in low-light conditions.

For Drivers Near Schools:

- **Slow Down:** Drive extra slowly in school zones and neighborhoods before and after school.
- **Watch for Pedestrians:** Kids can be unpredictable, stay alert at crosswalks and intersections.
- **Obey Crossing Guards:** Always follow their signals and instructions.

Driving with Kids: Safety Tips for Families



- **Use the Right Car Seat:** Follow your child's age, height, and weight guidelines for rear-facing, forward-facing, or booster seats.
- **Seat Belts Every Ride:** Ensure everyone is buckled up before moving.
- **Back Seat is Best:** Children under 13 should ride in the back seat.
- **Park on the Safe Side:** Park on the side of the street where your child will get out, so they don't have to cross traffic.
- **No Loose Items:** Secure backpacks, sports gear, or other items so they don't become projectiles in a sudden stop.
- **Never Leave Kids Alone in a Vehicle:** Even for a short time, temperatures inside a car can become dangerous quickly.