

Are you a student walking or taking the bus between school and home?

Check out the below safety tips that can help keep students safe during their commute.



Always keep traffic safety rules in-mind:

- Never dart out between stopped or parked cars.
- Where possible, cross at marked crosswalks supervised by a School Crossing Guard.
- When crossing the street, look left, then right and left again to make sure no vehicles are coming before you cross the street.

Know your route to and from school:

- Parents or guardians can walk with students until they are familiar with the route.
- If you are unfamiliar with your route, ask your parent or guardian to walk with you until you become acquainted with the path.
- Always stick to your familiar route.
- Make sure you know your address and your parents or guardians phone numbers.

Be aware of stranger danger:

- Consider walking with friends when possible.
- Never accept rides or gifts from people you do not know.
- Be aware of who would pick you up in case of an emergency.
- Only rely on trustworthy adults that your parents or guardians have taught you to trust. These trustworthy adults might be a grandparent, teacher or staff from school.
- Always remember what to do if a stranger tries to lure you away - SAY NO, GET AWAY, AND TELL SOMEONE YOU TRUST.

When you take the school bus to school:

- Try to arrive at the bus stop a few minutes early so you are not feeling rushed.
- Line up for the school bus in single file at least five steps back from the road.
- When exiting the bus, walk, don't run.
- Cross in front of the school bus, but only after establishing eye contact with the school bus driver.

Remember, if you ever feel worried about your commute to school, you can speak to your parents or guardians or a teacher.

