

Driving to School? Keep our Kids Safe!

Parents and caregivers who drive to and from school play an important role in keeping our kids safe.

Follow these safe driving tips:

- **Slow down** and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- **Watch for children** walking or cycling both on the road and the sidewalk.
- **Obey the parking signs.** Comply with school drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- **Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks.** This blocks visibility for pedestrians and other motorists.
- **Be alert in bad weather.** Snow, rain, and fog reduce visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.
- **Avoid stopping on the opposite side of the street.** This forces children to cross busy streets, often mid-block rather than at a crosswalk.
- **Stop for a school bus** when lights are flashing, regardless of the direction from which the driver is approaching. Proceed only when the school bus begins to move and the lights stop flashing
- **Watch for children near bus stops.** Be alert for children arriving late for the bus. They may dart into the street without looking.

Ready for a change? Think about walking your kids to school just one day a week.
Consider dropping off your kids a block or two away from school.

Pedestrian and cyclist safety begins with drivers.



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http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement/resources/driving_tips.cfm

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