

# Be Safe Walking, Biking, & Driving in School Areas



## Safety Tips for Walking

### USE THE CROSSWALK

Always cross at corners or at a marked crosswalk. This is where drivers expect to see you.

### LOOK BEFORE YOU CROSS

Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street or driveway. Look over your shoulder for turning cars, especially at intersections.

### MAKE EYE CONTACT

Don't assume that drivers see you. Make eye contact with drivers before stepping off of the sidewalk.

### BE VISIBLE

Wear reflective or bright-colored clothing when it's dark and walk with one or more buddies.

### FOLLOW THE RULES

Follow directions from crossing guards and pay attention to traffic signs and signals.



## Safety Tips for Driving

### RESPECT THE ZONE

Slow down in school zones. The safe speed may be less than 25 MPH. Set a good example by following instructions from crossing guards.

### BRAKE FOR PEOPLE WALKING

Stop for people in crosswalks and at unmarked intersections. Look and stop for children who may be crossing mid-block, too.

### BE AWARE AND ALERT

Set aside distractions like texting, phone calls, or eating while driving, and keep an eye out for the unexpected.

### GO WITH THE FLOW

Follow your school's drop-off and pick-up procedures. Pull to the curb rather than letting children out in the street. Avoid unsafe maneuvers, such as mid-block U-turns or stopping in a crosswalk.

### RESPECT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Park in legal spaces and don't double park or block driveways.



## Safety Tips for Biking

### BE PREDICTABLE

Obey all stop signs, traffic signals, and guidance from crossing guards. Never ride against traffic.

### BE ALERT

Watch out for drivers turning left or right, or coming out of driveways. Avoid car doors opening in front of you and yield to pedestrians.

### WEAR YOUR HELMET

Make sure that it fits properly: snug and level on your head, just above your eyebrows.

### MAKE EYE CONTACT

Make sure drivers see you, especially at intersections and driveways.



## Clackamas County Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Clackamas County SRTS supports children and families walking, biking, and rolling to school and aims to improve traffic safety through walking and biking safety education and encouragement activities and events.

Visit our website to learn more about how you can support SRTS at your school, [www.clackamas.us/engineering/srts.html](http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/srts.html) or email Nicole Perry, the Clackamas County SRTS Coordinator, at [nicoleperry@thestreettrust.org](mailto:nicoleperry@thestreettrust.org).

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