

# 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. Pedestrian and cyclist safety begins with drivers.

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.
- **Prepare to stop for a school bus** when yellow lights are flashing.
- **Stop for a school bus** when red overhead lights flashing, regardless of the direction from which the driver is approaching. Proceed only when the school bus begins to move and the red 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.

Adapted from “Driving Tips Around Schools: Keeping Children Safe”  
[http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement/resources/driving\\_tips.cfm](http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement/resources/driving_tips.cfm)

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