

Safe Routes to School





Safety tips for walking, rolling and biking to school

- Wear a helmet if you're biking, skating or scooting. Wearing a helmet protects your head and can even save your life in a crash.
- Be visible. Wear bright or reflective clothing to be seen by others on the road. If you're biking, turn on your front and tail bike lights. If you're catching the bus, be sure to stand where the driver can see you.
- Check the weather before you leave home and dress accordingly. If it's rainy, bring your raincoat. If it's sunny, wear a hat and sunscreen. Don't forget comfortable shoes.
- > **Find a buddy.** Invite your schoolmates who live nearby to walk, roll or bike to school with you.

- Be cautious. At driveways, always check for cars backing up, and watch for cars entering from the street. During the rainy season, Rain and wet leaves can make roads slippery.
- Communicate. Use arm signals when you are turning, slowing down, and stopping if you're on wheels. Make eye contact with drivers to know they see you and will stop for you when you cross the street.
- Plan your route. Give yourself enough time to get to school without rushing. Stay on the sidewalk and cross streets only at corners or marked crosswalks. Contact the SRTS team if you need help planning your route.