





# Safety First!



## Here are ten quick tips to share with your kids:

- Always look both ways before crossing.
- Never run into the street without looking and always pay attention.
- Avoid taking roads that don't have sidewalks, or crossing busy streets that don't have cross walks.
- Walk in the opposite direction of traffic so you're facing the cars. This way you're more aware of the cars coming towards you.
- Never play in a street, parking lot or driveway.
- Take the safest route with the least amount of street crossings.
- Wear bright, reflective clothing during dawn, dusk or any low-light situations.
- Always follow traffic signals and signs- they aren't just for cars.
- Try to make eye contact with drivers when crossing the road. Just because you can see them, doesn't always mean they can see you.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.

## Here are quick tips for drivers to enhance safety near schools:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Be prepared to stop for school buses when the red overhead lights are flashing.
- Watch for children gathering or playing near school bus stops.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on or near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Remember that children may move in unpredictable ways.
- Reduce distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Never leave a child alone in a vehicle.

