



Walk Safely to School

Provide these tips to parents and students before your walk to school event. Post them on your school website, feature them in your newsletter, and review them with students.

Walk Together or With a Trusted Adult

Younger children should always walk with an adult. If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents.
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.
- Use sidewalks whenever possible.



Students approach a crosswalk with a crossing guard at West Chatham Elementary, walking safely with an adult.

Be Seen

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes. If it is dark outside or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

Always Look for Traffic

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school.

Cross the Street Safely

- Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
- Look left, right, and left again.
- Don't forget to be aware of traffic in front of you and behind you too.
- Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing. And keep looking for traffic.
- Wave your hands/make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you before crossing.
- Walk, don't run across the street so that you can be predictable and visible.

Obey traffic signs, signals, and school crossing guards!



Got questions?

Your Safe Routes Coordinator is here to help.
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