



Walking to School Safety Tips

	Look both ways before crossing the street
	Avoid crossing where bushes or parked cars make it hard for drivers to see you
	Always use crosswalks
STOP	Don't start crossing until approaching cars come to a complete stop
	Wear bright clothes or carry a bright colored backpack so cars can see you
	Never use cell phones or headphones while walking - they reduce your ability to hear signs of danger
	Always follow directions from crossing guards
	Walk with other kids and adults if possible



Biking to School Safety Tips

Make sure your child's bike is the right size for them with tires inflated correctly and working brakes
Your child's bike should have reflectors and a bike light because they may be biking in the dark at certain times of year
Ensure their helmet fits properly
Teach your kids hand signals for stopping and turning
Plan a route, carefully considering the safety of riding on the sidewalk vs riding on the street
Ride the route with your kids to make sure they can navigate it safely
Drive the route with your kids so they can see it from a driver's perspective





Busing to School Safety Tips

	Walk with your kids to the bus stop until they know how to be safe near the roads
	Wait at the bus stop instead of lingering elsewhere
	Wait at least 10 feet away from the bus
STOP	Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching it
	Don't chase the bus if you miss it
	Listen to the bus driver and stay seated
	Make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing in front of the bus



Driving to School Safety Tips

	Use only designated drop off zones
	Avoid double parking, requiring your kids to walk between two cars
	Kids should always exit the car on the side away from traffic, usually the right side
SLOW	Drivers should keep their eyes peeled in and near school zones, driving safely and slowly.
	Know what age kids need a car seat, a booster seat, and can safely move to a front seat
SCHOOL	Drivers should be careful around buses and intersections near schools
	Follow the directions of school crossing guards