

## **Back to School Traffic Safety**

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With back to school just around the corner, the Irvine Police Department would like to remind everyone about some important safety tips.

### **Tips for Pedestrian Safety**

- If your child walks to school, it is important to teach him or her to recognize and obey traffic signals, signs and pavement markings.
- Remind your children to cross streets only at designated crosswalks, street corners and traffic controlled intersections.
- Always walk – never run – across intersections.
- Know the routes that your child takes to school.

### **Tips for Bicycle Safety**

- If your child rides a bike to school, make sure the helmet is fitted properly and the chin strap is snug.
- If possible, try to ride with someone else. There is safety in numbers.
- Never use electronics while riding, as they can be distracting.
- Choose the safest route between home and school and practice it with your children. A detailed map of designated suggested routes to school is available on the City's website at [www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-police-department/suggested-routes-school](http://www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-police-department/suggested-routes-school)
- Remember to register all of your bikes at [www.Project529.com/Irvine](http://www.Project529.com/Irvine) and securely lock your bikes to prevent bicycle thefts.

### **Tips for Driver Safety**

- Watch for pedestrians not only in crosswalks, but possibly crossing in the middle of the street.
- You must stop when a crossing guard is in the crosswalk and may not proceed until the crossing guard is safely back on the sidewalk.
- If you are dropping off your child, plan for delays.
- Drop children off in designated locations. Do not allow children to get out of the car in the middle of the street.
- When a school bus is stopped with lights flashing, cars are not allowed to pass on either side.

For more information on crime prevention and personal safety, please visit [CrimePrevention.IrvinePD.org](http://CrimePrevention.IrvinePD.org).