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Back-to-School Road Safety

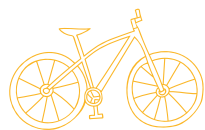
School days bring more congestion to roads, bike paths, and sidewalks. Drivers should slow down and pay attention when kids are present — especially before and after school — to prevent accidents and save lives.



School Bus Etiquette

- Allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car.
- It is illegal to pass a school bus stopped to load or unload children.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods and by driveways and parked cars.
- When turning and a bicyclist is approaching in either direction, let the rider pass, and always use turn signals.



Mind the Bicyclists

- Pass slowly and leave 3 feet between your vehicle and the cyclist.
- Check side mirrors before opening your door.



Keep Pedestrians Safe

- Don't block crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians, school patrol officers, and crossing guards.
- Take extra care to look for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

Source: National Safety Council



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