



# Getting to School Safely

**W**e all know that what children do in school is important but... getting to school is important too.

**Y**ou help your child get to school safely by discussing with him the following rules:



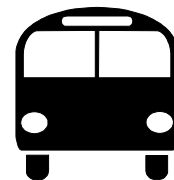
**I**f your child walks to school...

- ⇒ Always walk with friends.
- ⇒ Stay on the sidewalk & NO shortcuts.
- ⇒ Cross the street safely.
- ⇒ Follow the instructions of the crossing guard & school safety patrol.



**I**f you drive your child to school...

- ⇒ Buckle up! Remember that most accidents occur within 10 miles of home.
- ⇒ Know your school's policy for pick-up and drop-off points.



**I**f your child rides the bus....

- ⇒ Sit quietly in your seat so you can hear the driver.
- ⇒ Stay away from the curb while you wait for your ride.

**I**f your child rides a bike...

- ☞ Always wear a helmet.
- ☞ Wear bright or light colored clothing.
- ☞ In early morning or evening, wear markers that reflect light.

**P**arents remember to...

- ☞ Call school if your child is going to be absent.
- ☞ Make sure the school has a way of contacting you just in case your child does not show up.
- ☞ Tell your child how to contact you in a hurry.
- ☞ Teach your child your work number.
- ☞ Teach your child how to call collect.
- ☞ Arrange for other parents to take your child in an emergency or if you are going to be late.



**R**ole play with your child...  
What do you do if....

- ✓ Someone asks for directions and wants you to get into his car?
- ✓ Someone asks for help looking for a lost pet and leads you to an isolated area?
- ✓ Someone asks to take your picture for a TV ad and invites you into his house or apartment?



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**The Center for Parent Involvement** (FCPI) was funded by the U.S. Department of Education; Goals 2000, Educate America Act from 1994-1999. Guided by an advisory board of parents and professionals, the FCPI's goal was to tap the power of parents.

The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, "Beyond the Basics" resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at [www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi](http://www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi). The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series' themes include:

- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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