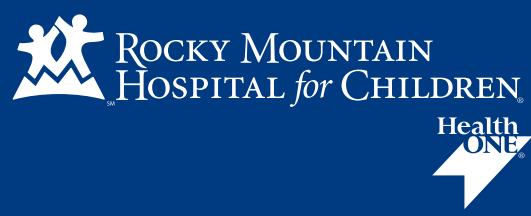




# Keeping Your Kids Safe on Their Way to School

## School Bus Safety

- While at the bus stop, wait quietly in a safe place well away from the road.
- When entering the bus, go directly to a seat. Remain seated and face forward during the entire ride.
- Always speak quietly on the bus so the driver will not be distracted.
- Respect the "Danger Zone" which surrounds all sides of the bus. The "Danger Zone" is ten feet wide on all sides of the bus.
- Always remain 10 steps away from the bus to be out of the "Danger Zone" and where the driver can see you.
- Always cross the street in front of the bus. Never go behind the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver before you attempt to pick it up, so they will know where you are.



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### Safe Kids USA recommends that children:

- Always cross the street with an adult until age 10.
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right, and left again when crossing.
- Always walk, never run, when crossing streets.
- Walk on sidewalks or paths.
- Walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible if there are no sidewalks.
- Ride with traffic on right side of street.
- Never run out into the street or cross in between parked cars.
- Wear a properly fitting helmet every time they ride a bicycle.

### Wear your helmet the right way

- Straight – two fingers from the eyebrow to the helmet brim.
- Snug – helmet should be snug and the straps should form a “V” under ears.
- Snapped – you should only be able to put two fingers between chin and chinstrap.

### Be Safe, Be Seen

- Wear bright clothes.
- Wear retro-reflective materials or carry a light source at dusk or dawn.

### Parking Lot Safety

- When parking next to a curb, have child get out on curbside.
- If no curb, have child get out on same side of the car as an adult.
- Walk, do not run.
- Have the child stay close or hold hand of an adult when walking in a parking lot.
- Walk two steps away from rear bumpers; never walk right next to the bumper of cars.
- Teach children to listen for running vehicles and watch for exhaust and brake lights so they learn to know when a car might be backing up.
- Never cross the street in between parked cars.

### Tips for Parents:

#### Be a role model for your children:

- Wear a helmet.
- Wear a seat belt.
- Cross at crosswalks or corners.

#### Drive Smart

- Slow down and be alert in residential areas and school zones.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians, and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on or near road in the morning and after schools hours.
- Reduce distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Never leave your child alone in a vehicle.
- Always lock car doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach.

