

SafeRoutes To School



Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition

Drive Smart

Top Safety Tips for drivers

healthy students
SONOMA COUNTY

Greenways to School
Even car drivers can go green.

 Walk or bike as often as you can.

 Drop off or pick up your child a quarter to half mile from school. It's only a 5-10 minute walk.

 Carpool. Look into a ride share with friends or neighbors.

 Turn your car off when you drop your child off. Leaving the car running doesn't save time or energy.

Share the Road
Bicyclists and pedestrians are counting on car drivers to be alert and pay attention.

 Kids move in unpredictable ways, keep both hands on the wheel.

 Give cyclists a three-foot wide space when you pass.

 Check for kids in intersections, crosswalks and driveways.

 Communicate with cyclists and pedestrians just like you do with other drivers.

 Driving is not the time for multi-tasking. Use a hands free device to talk on the phone while driving, never text while driving,

 Obey all traffic laws, especially the speed limit and caution signs around schools and parks.

Driving in School Zones
Everyone needs to do their part to keep it safe around our schools.

 Leave for school 5 minutes early.

 Take the extra minute and wait to pull up to the curb. Double and triple parking is dangerous.

 Do not drop off in red or bus zones; they are restricted for a reason.

 Drop your child off on the school-side of the road. Your child is safer when they do not have to cross the street.

 Avoid backing up. Children are small and hard to see.

 School buses have blind spots where the drivers cannot see what is behind them. Walk in front of rather than behind a school bus and stay 5-10 big steps away from the sides and rear, outside of the blind spot.

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