

# Back to School Safety Tips



Safe Routes to School is an important component of Vision Zero SF, the road safety policy that will build safety and livability into our streets. Through Vision Zero SF, we commit to working together to prioritize street safety and eliminate traffic deaths in San Francisco by 2024. Visit [www.visionzerosf.org](http://www.visionzerosf.org) for more information.



## Walking to School

1. Use sidewalks or walking paths.
2. The safest place to cross streets is at crosswalks and corners.
3. Check for moving cars at driveways and intersections.
4. Obey all traffic signs and crossing guards.
5. Have a parent or trusted adult help you find the safest route.

## Crossing the Street Safely

1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
2. Look left, right, left and behind you for traffic.
3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
5. Walk, don't run across the street.
6. Don't use your phone when crossing the street.



## Biking to School

1. Always wear a helmet.
2. Ride in the direction of traffic.
3. Watch for opening car doors.
4. Wear bright clothing to help drivers see you.
5. Install reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes.
6. Install lights on the front **and** back of your bike.



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# If You Have to Drive

## Do

Pull into a **passenger loading zone** for **drop-off**. If there is no passenger loading zone or no space available, park in a legal parking space further away. Walking is healthy.

Drop your child off at the curb on the school side of the street rather than crossing into incoming traffic or having your child run across the street.

Have your child sit on the passenger side with their backpack so they can get out of the car easily, quickly and safely.

Talk about crossing safely: Cross at corners, look all ways before crossing, and *never* run across the street.



## Don't

Park in the loading zone. You can wait in the zone for up to 5 minutes but you must stay with your car. **FINE: \$106**

Park in a **school bus zone** during posted times. This blocks bus access and forces children to cross between parked cars. **FINE: \$106**

Double park, which creates an unsafe situation for children who are often difficult to see between cars. **FINE: \$110**

Block driveways. **FINE: \$106**

Block a crosswalk. **FINE: \$288**

Block a curb ramp or a Muni bus zone **FINE: \$288**

Let your child out on the traffic side of the car. Pull over to the curb and teach your child to be a safe pedestrian.



## Get Involved with Vision Zero

- Visit [visionzerosf.org/whos-involved](http://visionzerosf.org/whos-involved) to sign up for updates
- Contact Walk SF at (415) 431-9255 for volunteer opportunities

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