



# WALK 'N ROLL TO SCHOOL

## Safety Tips



The City of Frisco partners with schools, businesses, and organizations to make our community safe for pedestrians and bicyclists. We encourage children and families to **Walk 'n Roll** to school together. Learning and practicing proper pedestrian habits are important life skills.

### **BENEFITS**

- Improve overall health and well-being
- Reduce traffic around schools
- Teach life-long safety habits
- Create a sense of community

Practicing small steps can make a big difference. Together, we can keep pedestrians safe and prevent injuries.



### **TIPS FOR WALKING SAFELY**

Learn safety skills for a lifetime of safe walking:

- **CROSS AT CROSSWALKS AND INTERSECTIONS.** The safest place to cross a street is a marked crosswalk or intersection.
- **LOOK BOTH WAYS AND MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH DRIVERS.** Look for cars and make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street, even in the crosswalk.
- **WALK, DON'T RUN ACROSS A STREET.** Walking gives drivers more time to see you.
- **WATCH OUT FOR TURNING MOTORISTS.** Although pedestrians in a crosswalk have the right-of-way, most accidents are caused from a driver's failure to yield when turning right.
- **HEADS UP. PHONES DOWN.** Put away technology and stay alert.



### **SAFETY TIPS FOR BIKING AND ROLLING**

Cyclists, skaters, and scooters make safe choices too:

- **ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET.** Help protect yourself from serious head injury. Be sure your helmet fits properly and straps are fastened.
- **USE PROPER HAND SIGNALS.** Signal your intentions to drivers.
- **YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS.** Bike slowly and give pedestrians the right-of-way.
- **WALK YOUR BIKE IN A CROSSWALK.** Following the same rules as pedestrians in a crosswalk allows drivers more time to see you.



### **SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS**

When driving to school, follow these guidelines to help keep pedestrians and school zones safe:

- **RESPECT THE SCHOOL ZONE.** Reduce your speed to 20 mph and obey all traffic laws.
- **WATCH FOR CHILDREN.** Always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. It's the law.
- **PHONES DOWN.** Avoid all distractions. It is against the law to text while driving or to talk on your phone in a school zone.
- **DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF SAFELY.** Drop off only at curbs or areas designated by the school.
- **CONSIDER WALKING OR CARPOOLING.** Walking or carpooling with neighbors helps reduce traffic congestion near schools.