

YOUTH TIPS

CHOOSE SAFER WALKING AND BICYCLING ROUTES

Routes that are safer have:

- Sidewalks, paths or bicycle lanes.
- Low traffic volume.
- Low speed limits.
- Nothing blocking the pedestrian, bicyclist, or motorist's view: overgrown bushes, trees, etc.
- Traffic signals, pedestrian crossing signals, and clearly marked crossings.
- Good lighting.
- Drivers who practice safe driving behavior including: obeying the speed limit; yielding to pedestrians; and respecting all road users including pedestrians and bicyclists.
- People out walking and bicycling. Those who feel a route is safe are more likely to walk or bicycle the route.
- A safe neighborhood program or neighbors watching out for others' safety.
- Groups walking and/or bicycling together with responsible role models.
- For additional information, see:

www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles or www.nhtsa.gov/Pedestrians

For additional information specific to walking and bicycling to school, see:

- The Walking School Bus Guide
www.saferoutesinfo.org/guide/walking_school_bus/index.cfm
- Safe Routes to School Guide
Teaching Children to Walk Safely as They Grow and Develop:
www.saferoutesinfo.org/sites/default/files/TeachingChildrentoWalkSafely.pdf