

# Shrewsbury Parent Teacher Group

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## Safety Tips

Here are some key suggestions for how cyclists, pedestrians and drivers can all help reduce congestion and safety problems around our schools.

Young children who regularly practice safe walking and biking with their parents are likely to make safer choices as they gain

independence (and later, car keys). Remember that the best walking or cycling route may not be the same way that you would come to school in a car. Talk to your child about street safety. Together, practice how to stop at the edge of the street to look for cars.



## Safe Streets

**PARENTS:** Help your student learn how to use the streets safely. The best walking or cycling route may not be the same way you would drive in a car. Children who regularly practice

safe walking and biking with their parents are likely to make safer choices as teenagers. Make sure they know where the block parent house's are on there school routes.






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## Pedestrian Safety Tips

**Be alert.** Everything else on the road is bigger and moving faster than you are - from skateboards to bicycles to cars.

**Don't assume drivers see you!**

Make eye contact - especially at intersections and driveways.

**Obey crossing guards or the safety patrol.** They are there to help you cross safely at difficult intersections.

**Be predictable.** Do not jump off the curb for a fast start or make sudden moves that place you in the path of oncoming traffic. Wait for the pedestrian signals.

**Cross at corners.** Although you generally have the right of way at intersections, use caution and look both ways. Crossing mid-block is risky as well as being illegal near traffic signals. If you cross between intersections or outside

of designated crosswalks, you must yield to motorists.

**When the red flashing hand appears, DO NOT start to cross an intersection.** Wait for the next light cycle and walk when the white walk signal appears. If you are in the intersection when the red hand starts flashing, continue walking to the other side.

## Driver Safety Tips



**Observe the 25 mph speed limit in school zones at all times.** Avoid making U-turns and other unsafe maneuvers.

**Be especially alert for young children.** Young children cannot judge speed or distance of vehicles moving toward them, and they think cars can stop instantly.

**Be aware of school commute routes.** Watch for sudden movements of bicyclists and pedestrians onto the roadway from sidewalks.

**Obey "No Right Turn on Red" signs where posted at school intersections.** This allows children to cross safely without cars turning through the crosswalk.

**Where adult crossing guards are posted, obey their instructions.**

**Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.** Don't double park in bike lanes, and don't block blue or yellow curbs. Set a good example.

**Park legally.** Double parking can cause children to run in-

between cars to get to you.

**Always make sure that you and your passengers are "buckled-up" properly.**

**Try to carpool whenever possible to help reduce the congestion around your school.**

**DON'T RUSH** - leave home a few minutes earlier instead.



## Trick or Treat

### All Dressed Up

Try to Trick or Treat when it is still light out.

Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.

Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.

Visit homes that have the porch light on.

Wear a watch you can read in the dark.

Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.

Costumes should be short enough so that children won't trip and fall.

Children should carry flashlights so they can easily see and be seen.

Children should carry quarters so they can call home.

### Sweet Treats

Make your child eat dinner before setting out. If they are full they will not eat as much...yea right!

Even though candy tampering is rare, remind

children not to dip into their treats until an adult has carefully examined all candy for signs of tampering, including small pinholes in wrappers and torn or loose packages.



## Fundraiser Safety Tips

Child safety in fundraising is our main priority. That's why we discourage any student from selling door-to-door or selling to strangers.

Fundraising safety Do's and Don'ts:

1. Be Safe & Be Smart -- Use your common sense.
2. Make a list of friends, family, relatives, and neighbors to contact to **avoid door-to-door sales.**
3. Parents must be involved
4. Follow all the instructions provided.
5. Make sure Mom and Dad have approved whom you intend to ask to support your group.
6. Ask your parents to take a catalog to work.
7. Use the telephone to call family and friends to ask them to help your group by making a purchase.
8. Never allow children to carry collected money unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
9. Use the buddy system - don't sell alone.
10. Do not carry large amounts of cash.
11. Never talk to strangers.
12. Never go out after dark.

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