



Public Safety

News and Tips

Back-To-School Safety



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It's August and in Roseville that means students will be heading back to school. The streets in and around school will be busy with parents dropping off their children. **All drivers** will need to take special precautions if they find themselves near a school during the beginning and end of a school day. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would like to remind drivers to take extra precautions around schools.

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.

Facts:

- Sports utility vehicles and trucks are involved in more back overs than cars.
- Approximately 39 % of back over deaths occurred at home in the driveway, an apartment parking lot or in a townhome complex.
- Drivers in back over and front over deaths are often family members or family friends of the injured child.
- **Watch out** for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
- **Be alert.** Children late for school may dart into the street without looking for traffic. Many children have not yet developed the ability to judge speeds and distances well enough to cross streets safely when cars are moving fast.
- **Slow down.** Watch for children playing & congregating near corners & sidewalks.
- **Learn** the “flashing signal light system” that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending action.
 - **Yellow lights flashing** - Some buses use a flashing yellow light when preparing to stop to let children off or on the bus. Slow down and prepare to stop.
 - **Red lights flashing - and/or extended stop arms** indicate that the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. When the bus flashes red lights (located at the front and back of the bus,) you must stop from either direction until the children are safely across the street and the lights stop flashing. The law requires you remain stopped as long as the red lights are flashing (CVC 22454). **If you fail to stop, you may be fined up to \$1,000 and your driving privilege could be suspended for one year.** If the school bus is on the other side of a divided or multilane highway (two or more lanes in each direction), you do not need to stop.
- When driving within 500-1,000 feet of a school while children are outside or crossing the street, the speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.

Did you know?

(from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

- School buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and preventing injuries.
- School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth from school.
- School buses keep an annual estimated 17.3 million cars off the roads surrounding schools each morning.



Motor Vehicle Safety Facts

Source: Safe Kids Worldwide

- 262 children ages 14 and under died in not-in-traffic crashes in 2007. 45% of these deaths were back overs and 49% were front overs.
- Of children ages 8 and under who died in motor vehicle crashes in 2012, 31% were unrestrained.
- Teenagers 15-19 years old made up to 74% of motor vehicle occupant/driver fatalities in 2012.
- 43 children, ranging in age from 2 months to 14 years, died in heatstroke or suspected heatstroke while left in cars in 2013.

Roseville Bikefest

Saturday, September 20
9:00-noon

Cirby Elementary School
814 Darling Way
Bring your bike and helmet to Roseville's 21st annual FREE family bicycle safety event

Call 911
EMERGENCY
IN PROGRESS

NON-EMERGENCY

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Police (916)-774-5000
Extension 1

Police Department

1051 Junction Blvd.
Roseville C A 95678
(916) 774-5000
www.roseville.ca.us/police

Fire Headquarters

401 Oak Street, Fire Station #1
Roseville, CA 95678
(916) 774-5800
www.roseville.ca.us/fire

Abandoned Vehicle Hotline

(916) 746-1022

Alarms/Alarm Permits

(916) 774-5093

Animal Control

(916)774-5090

Community Events & Neighborhood Watch

(916) 774-5050

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(916) 746-1021

Police News & Crime Alert Emails:

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(Roseville Coalition Of
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www.RCONA.org

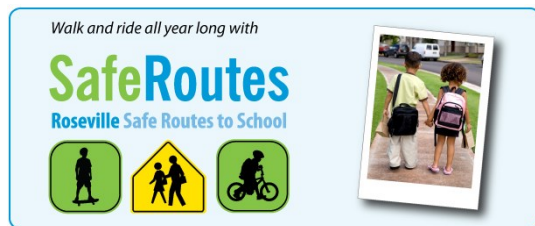
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Safe Routes to School

Walking or Biking to School?

The National Center for **Safe Routes to School Program** was created for **safety of students walking/biking to school** – removing the safety barriers that prevent parents from allowing their children to walk/bike to school through the **five “E’s”**:

Education
Encouragement
Engineering
Enforcement
Evaluation



The benefits include:

Reduction of the amount of traffic around schools
Increased Physical Activity
Improved Air Quality

The City of Roseville is one of many cities in in California to receive a Safe Routes to School grant. The grant funds were initially awarded to the Dry Creek Elementary School District because of high enrollment and proven interest in this type of program. The schools included in this program are Coyote Ridge, Heritage Oak, Quail Glen Elementary Schools & Silverado Middle School. Since 2006, the Safe Routes to School staff have been working with these four schools in organizing Walk to School Days, Stop & Walk, walking/biking clubs, bike rodeos, helmet safety courses, and much more. With the success of this pilot program grant, the City of Roseville applied for another Safe Routes to School grant to be used by more schools within the city. In 2012, the City of Roseville was awarded a grant to for four elementary schools within the Roseville City School District, including: Cirby, Junction, Diamond Creek, and Stoneridge Elementary Schools. The City of Roseville is hopeful that other schools in our area can utilize (www.roseville.ca.us/SafeRoutes) to help their schools benefit from the work and ideas that from the programs in the Dry Creek Joint Elementary and Roseville City School Districts.



Walking or biking to school is a great idea. To combat the common fear that walking to school isn't safe, City of Roseville traffic engineers and the Safe Routes to School Coordinators have designated safe routes for students of all ages and abilities.

- Parents may want to walk or bike along with their younger students to and from school. It's good exercise, it spares the air, and it eases traffic congestion and parking problems around our school campuses.
- Those under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when bicycling, riding a scooter, skating or skateboarding.
- Bicyclists on the roadway must ride in the same direction as vehicular traffic.
- It's fine to bicycle on the sidewalks in Roseville (except Downtown and a few other designated areas), as long as bicyclists are courteous and careful around pedestrians.
- Follow the instructions of school crossing guards.
- Stow the headphones, and don't get caught up in talking or texting. Pay attention to what is going on around you.

Back-to-School Safety Checklist

(from the National Safety Council)

Whether children walk, ride their bike, or take the bus to school it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are a few tips to review with your child.

Walking to School

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before you cross the street, stop and look all ways to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.

Riding a Bicycle to School

- Always wear a helmet.
- Ride on the right side of the road and in a single file.



- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street.

Riding the Bus to School

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Make sure children stand six feet away from the curb.
- If you or your child need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are at least 12 feet ahead of the bus. You should always be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you or your child drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up first because the driver may not be able to see you.

Resources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, CA DMV Handbook, Safe Kids Worldwide, National Safety Council

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