



# SAFETY ALERT

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**SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY**

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A sobering reality is that the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 5 and 14 in Los Angeles County is traffic collisions. To change this reality, the Los Angeles Unified School District, in partnership with the City of Los Angeles' Department of Transportation (LADOT), is working to improve the safe routes of travel to and from our schools. Engaging our youth, parents/guardians and the greater school community is vital to ending traffic deaths and serious injuries. Through education and innovation, we can safeguard our pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and skateboarders.

Considering recent pedestrian traffic incidents near schools, it is important to be reminded about the resources available to help make the travel to and from our schools as safe as possible. Attached are flyers to be shared with students and families that serve as reminders on how to safely navigate school travel.

Additionally, Los Angeles Unified's [Safe School Traffic Program](#) provides parents and school administrators comprehensive information on other ways to address traffic safety issues. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety's (OEHS) [Reference Guide 4492.2, School Traffic Safety](#) provides guidance to school administrators in requesting traffic surveys, speed limit signs, pavement markings, crossing guards and other assistance to resolve traffic safety issues. Principals may request a traffic safety assessment from OEHS to determine how best to improve the flow of traffic around their school. OEHS will engage LADOT or appropriate agency on behalf of school administrators which helps streamline the process.

For assistance or additional information, please contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at (213) 241-3199, via email at [trafficsafety@lausd.net](mailto:trafficsafety@lausd.net), or by visiting the OEHS website at [www.lausd.org/oehs](http://www.lausd.org/oehs).

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# BE STREET SMART FROM THE START

Traveling in school neighborhoods can be stressful for everyone. Practice school zone safety as part of your back to school preparations.



## WHEN WALKING, RIDING OR ROLLING IN SCHOOL ZONES:

- ⚠️ Always cross in the crosswalk.
- ⚠️ When preparing to cross the street, look **LEFT, RIGHT, FRONT, and BEHIND**.
- ⚠️ Before crossing, wait for all traffic to stop, including turning vehicles.

## WHEN DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONES:

- ⚠️ Keep speeds **BELOW 25 MPH**.
- ⚠️ **Always stop at stop signs.** Do not roll through; it's the law!
- ⚠️ **Yield to people waiting to cross** at marked crosswalks and street corners.





# SEA INTELIGENTE DESDE EL PRINCIPIO

Viajar en los alrededores de las escuelas puede ser estresante para todos. Practiquen la seguridad en las zonas escolares como parte de su preparación para regresar a la escuela.



## AL CAMINAR, ANDAR EN BICICLETA, O RODAR EN LAS ZONAS ESCOLARES:

- ⚠ Siempre cruce la calle en el cruce peatonal marcado a tu escuela.
- ⚠ Al prepararse para cruzar la calle, mire **A LA IZQUIERDA, A LA DERECHA, AL FRENTE, y PARA ATRÁS.**
- ⚠ Antes de cruzar, espere hasta que se detenga todo el tráfico, incluso los autos girando.

## AL MANEJAR EN LAS ZONAS ESCOLARES:

- ⚠ Mantenga la velocidad **BAJO DE 25 MPH**
- ⚠ **Siempre deténgase completamente por las señales de alto.** No siga rodando. ¡Es la ley!
- ⚠ **Cede el paso a las personas esperando para cruzar** en los cruces marcados y en las esquinas.