

Everyone's Cooperation is needed to Help Keep Our Kids Safe

Getting To and From School Safely

To ensure maximum safety for all students, Sycamore Ridge suggests students and parents abide by the following guidelines. Before school supervision begins at 7:45 a.m. on the primary playground. Students must be picked up at dismissal time- we do not have after school playground supervision.

Walking to School

Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among children ages 5-14.

To avoid injury:

- ❖ Never let children under age 10 cross the street alone.
- ❖ Teach children to recognize and obey traffic signals and pavement markings.
- ❖ Choose the safest route between home and school and practice walking it with children until they can demonstrate traffic safety awareness.

Remind kids to:

- ❖ Cross streets only in crosswalks; never enter streets from between parked cars or from behind shrubbery.
- ❖ Always look both ways before crossing the street.
- ❖ Walk—don't run—across intersections.
- ❖ Use the same route every day and avoid shortcuts.
- ❖ Don't speak to strangers; if a stranger approaches, tell a trusted adult such as a parent or teacher.

Drivers

It's easy to forget what it's like to be a kid. But drivers, especially when they're in the area of a school, always need to remember how children think and act around traffic. Please be reminded that the speed limit in a residential area is 25 miles per hour.

Steps:

- ❖ Slow down. Don't speed around schools or in neighborhoods.
- ❖ Expect the unexpected. A child's reaction to danger differs from that of an adult. Sometimes the approach of a car will prompt a child to run faster across the street instead of staying on the sidewalk as an adult may do.
- ❖ Expect what's to be expected, too. When a ball or a dog goes into the street, look for a child to follow.
- ❖ Watch the ground. Sometimes a glimpse of feet is the only warning that a young pedestrian is about to enter traffic. Look also for bicycle wheels, dog paws and moving shadows.
- ❖ Scan from side to side to stay aware of children playing on the sidewalk or along the road. Because their eyesight and hearing are still developing, children may not always sense when a moving car presents danger. In fact, a surprising number of youngsters become injured running into the sides of cars.
- ❖ Look around, under and between cars and other objects. Because children are small, they can be hidden.
- ❖ Be alert in parking lots. The street is not the only place of danger. The combination of kids, buses and cars trigger a lot of incidents in school parking lots and driveways. Don't let your guard down.

Thank you for your help in keeping all of our Stallions safe.