

BEST ROUTES TO SCHOOL

KIDS, BE STREET S.M.A.R.T.

SIDEWALKS:
Use sidewalks! Stay on the inside edge, and stand away from the edge when you want to cross the street. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic so that you can see oncoming vehicles.

MUSIC:
If you are listening to music, remove one earpiece before crossing the street or walking in an unfamiliar neighbourhood.

ATTENTION:
Watch out for moving vehicles backing out of driveways, back alleys and in parking lots.

ROAD CROSSING:
Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk. To cross safely, make eye contact with the drivers in all lanes to make sure they are stopped.

TEAM UP:
It's safer and more fun to walk to school with family or friends and good exercise too.

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Neighborhood safety tips

TRANSIT

Transit can be fun. Parents and children can take the bus route together a few times before the kids go solo. Ask the bus driver if you have questions.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Team up with another parent or neighbour to share the responsibilities of walking to and from school. If students are older, encourage them to walk with friends or older siblings.

AWARENESS AND INDEPENDENCE

Teach your children how to stay safe by identifying friendly neighbours, friends or safe public places. Warn them about high traffic areas or corners that might hide hazards. Exploring and learning about your community and city at a young age are lessons that will last a lifetime.

Beware of strangers!

- When you are out with your family, identify safe places at which you can ask for help. It might be a neighbour or a friend's house or maybe a safe place you can go.
- If your family uses a safety password, practice and remember that special word.
- Don't ever go anywhere with a stranger. Be stranger aware!

Park and walk

Families who are unable to walk all the way can still contribute to improved traffic safety and healthy schools. Park at your school's designated area or park legally on another street away from the school. Walk the last few blocks with your children, allowing them to enjoy a little extra active time outdoors.

South Kelowna has two park and walk stations:
1-The parking lot at the back of the school on Spiers Rd.
2-The multi-use pathway between the intersection of Spiers & June Springs and the school.

S.U.P.E.R bike safety

Practice these bike safety tips at all times when riding your bike!

Signs: Use your hand signals when riding your bike and obey traffic signs.

Use caution: Leave space when riding next to parked cars and watch out for doors swinging open. Wear light or bright coloured clothing, bike lights and reflectors, so you can be easily seen.

Protection: Wear your helmet when riding your bike - it's the law.

Eye contact: Make eye contact with other road users (drivers and pedestrians) to improve safety for everyone.

Right hand side: Ride your bike single file and as far to the right-hand side of the road as possible. Use bike lanes if they are available.



Driver awareness

Drive lawfully, safely and without distraction. Parents have a valuable part to play as role models for their children's future driving behaviour.

U-turns are illegal in a school zone. They are dangerous too as they cause many blind spots in an area that may be filled with young walkers and cyclists.

Don't idle your vehicle. It contributes to poor air quality which negatively impact young lungs.
If you're going to be stopped for more than **60 seconds**-except in traffic-**turn the engine off.**

Safe Route

Use the proposed Safe Route map on the next page and get to school safely by walking cycling, in-line skating, riding a skateboard or a scooter.

