

Motorists, Pedestrians, Bicyclists Urged to Stay Safe This School Year; Crossing Guards Sought



Photo/KidsCrosswalk: Watch for children going to and from schools now that the school year is back in session.

Link/Safe Routes to School:

CCSD page:

<http://ccsd.net/community/partnership/programs/safe-routes/>

Public Works page

http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/public_works/Services/Pages/SafeRoutetoSchool.aspx

With school back in session, Clark County is always seeking crossing guards to help patrol intersections near schools, and is reminding motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists to look out for each other and keep our local roadways safe.

Parents can visit the Clark County School District's [Safe Routes to School Program](#) to use an online mapping tool to help plan safe walking or bicycling routes to and from school for their children. As a member of the program, Clark County's **Department of Public Works** maintains an inventory of school-related traffic control devices within the two-miles of elementary and middle schools. The information allows parents to plan routes that use sidewalks and cross as few streets as possible.

Additionally, anyone interested in working as a crossing guard can apply online at <https://thecrossingguardcompany.com/>. Our Public Works Department contracts with a company called All City Management Services to manage our Crossing Guard program.

Drivers are urged to slow down and watch for children near schools, playgrounds and intersections. Parents are encouraged to teach their children to look both ways before crossing a street and to watch for vehicles making left and right turns. Pedestrians should take off head phones and not talk on cell phones when crossing streets. Additional safety tips include:

Drivers:

- Drive the posted speed limit and obey traffic signals and signs.
- Watch for school frontage and school crossing zones.
- Don't be distracted. Wait until your car is parked to talk, text or adjust the radio.
- Don't drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Share the road with bicyclists. Give bicyclists 3 feet of distance and change lanes to the left when possible. Slow down at intersections.
- Anywhere two streets intersect, a crossway exists. There does not have to be a marked crosswalk.
- Always yield to pedestrians who are crossing streets.

Pedestrians:

- Always walk on sidewalks or pathways and be attentive to motorists.
- Cross where drivers expect to see you – anywhere two streets intersect or in marked mid-block crosswalks. This is where you have the right of way.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them. Do not assume that because you can see the driver, the driver can see you.
- Keep looking as you cross the street, never think because one driver stopped for you any other driver will.
- Never run out into a street for a ball, a pet or any other reason.
- Never cross or enter the street from between two parked vehicles.

- Put all your belongings in a backpack or bag so you are not tempted to “dart” out to grab something that has gotten away from you.
- Wear bright or white clothing to help drivers see you, and if dressed in dark clothing, assume that drivers cannot see you.

Bicyclists:

- Wear helmets and reflective clothing.
- Install reflectors on bicycles.
- Obey the same rules of the road as motorists.
- Ride in the same direction with traffic, not against traffic.
- Do not ride bikes on sidewalks.
- Always dismount and walk your bike across a crosswalk, marked or not.