

From the Police Department

From the desk of Chief Sturgill...



Back to School Safety Checklist

As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember - and share with your children - some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

Getting to School

Whether children walk or take the bus to school, it is vitally important that they - and the motorists around them - take proper safety precautions.



Walkers »

- Walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Never dart out in front of a parked car
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- Do not walk while using headphones

Drivers, Share the Road »

- Don't block crosswalks
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus



Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill