



OMSD STEPS TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Students and Parents Working Together is Essential in Creating Safer School Routes

General Tips

- Give yourself and your children enough time to get to school.
- Be alert and do not get distracted walking to school.
 - Avoid use of cell phone – put them away.
 - Keep your head up when walking.
- Be especially alert when it is dark out, and make sure drivers can see you.

Walking to School

- It is always best to walk on sidewalks or paths.
 - No sidewalk? Walk facing traffic - as far away from vehicles as possible.
- Watch out for cars backing up in parking lots and driveways.

Crossing Streets

- Teach our children to look both directions before and while crossing the streets – even in a crosswalk.
 - Look left, right, left before crossing and continue looking in all directions while crossing streets.
- When crossing, pause before each lane of traffic and make eye contact with the drivers.
- Tempted to cross mid-block? Do not do it. Take the extra time to cross at the corner or at a crosswalk.
- If a crossing guard is present, wait for the crossing guard to help you cross the street.

When Driving

- Respect the speed limit.
- Be alert and do not get distracted.
- Avoid use of your cell phone when driving.
- Respect crosswalks.
- Park only in indicated spots.
- Observe red curb laws, which creates greater visibility to safely cross the street.

Help us help you. Our children only have one life, let's take care of it! They will be grateful for your care.