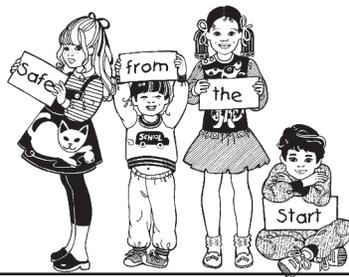


## Vehicle Reminders for Drivers

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely. Remember, school-aged children are impulsive.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Follow posted school speed limit signs.
- Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus or school may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Learn to obey the school bus laws in the community. Obey the flashing signal light system on the buses. You must come to a complete stop when the stop sign on the bus is extended. This pertains to vehicles approaching the bus from all directions.
- Be aware of crosswalks on the street and stop well before the crosswalk, not IN them.
- Grand Forks has a city ordinance that prohibits people operating motor vehicles from dropping children off in front of a school where the child has to cross the street other than at a marked crosswalk.
- Children should exit the vehicle on the “grass” or “curb” side so they do not get out directly into oncoming traffic.
- Be sure to not park your vehicle in the “no parking” zone near crosswalks. It makes it difficult to see children preparing to cross.



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## Pedestrian Safety

Walking to school, parks and a friend's house are great ways for children to get exercise. Unfortunately, children continue to be at risk for unintentional injury or death as pedestrians. Safe Kids has tips for teaching children pedestrian safety and decreasing this risk.

## Did You Know?

Here are some facts concerning young pedestrians:

- Since 2005, nearly 300 pedestrian fatalities among children have occurred each year.
- Children do not have fully developed depth perception until approximately 10 years of age. This means that their ability to determine the speed and distance of oncoming vehicles is limited.
- The number of children walking to school has decreased dramatically over the last 40 years from approximately 48% to 13%. Increased traffic volume around schools typically leads to a further decrease in children walking to these schools.

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## Who, Where and When

- Males make up almost two-thirds of childhood-related pedestrian deaths.
- Aside from the street, other locations where young children under 3 years of age suffer the highest number of injuries as pedestrians include driveways, parking lots and sidewalks.
- Back over incidents have become increasingly more common as bigger vehicles are built and have large blind zones behind them.
- Four out of five driveway-related incidents occur to children ages 4 and under.
- Most child pedestrian deaths occur at non-intersection locations.
- School zones pose additional risks. A national survey found that 1 in 6 drivers are distracted when driving in a school zone and 2 of 3 are exceeding the posted speed limit.
- The majority of bus-related fatalities occur while children are outside of the school bus, not while riding.

## Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Cross streets only at corners and at crosswalks. If there is a traffic light, do not cross until the signal is in your favor.
- When preparing to cross, look left, look right, look left for traffic. Before stepping out in front of traffic, assure that the tires of any on-coming cars have stopped and you have made eye contact with the driver.
- Make sure to keep looking left and right as you cross.
- If walking in low light conditions, wear light colored clothing or a reflective device. Carrying a flashlight is also a good idea if it is getting dark.
- Never run across the street. This decreases the chance that a driver will see you. If you have to run to get across, the car is too close.
- When sidewalks are not available, walk facing traffic and as far to the left as possible.
- Provide children under age 10 supervision while walking and crossing streets. They also require supervision while playing, especially near a street or the driveway.
- Always model safety behaviors to children.
- Remind children to NEVER walk out into the street between two parked cars.
- Remember walking is a healthy, fun way to get places. Keep safe and keep walking!!!