



# *Grover Beach Police Department*

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## **Back to School Safety Tips**

### *Riding the Bus*

School bus transportation is safe and we want you to remember these safety tips:

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Protect yourself and watch out for cars!

### *Walking and Biking to School*

If you walk or bike to school, here are a few basic safety tips to follow:

- Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard - - never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Walk or ride with a buddy.
- Wear reflective material . . . it makes you more visible to street traffic.

### *Riding in a Car*

- You might have heard before that most traffic crashes occur close to home ... they do.
- Safety belts are the best form of protection in the event of a crash.
- Everyone needs to be buckled up properly. That means older kids in seat belts, younger kids in booster seats and little kids in child safety seats.
- Watch out for other pedestrians walking to school, they may not see you.
- Parent drivers must remain watchful. Children dart unexpectedly into traffic, often from between parked cars.

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