

# **Bicycle Safety Tips**

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Below are some simple bicycle safety tips you can follow to help make your ride to school both safe and fun...

- **Follow the Law – Bicyclists have the same rights and duties as other drivers and need to follow the same traffic laws.**
- **Practice riding your bike to and from school with your kids. Practice on weekends when traffic is low. Practice will help your kids develop more confidence in their riding skills.**
- **Leave home in plenty of time, don't rush.**
- **Use the bike lane when available and ride single file. Minimize conversations and focus your attention on the road.**
- **Ride in the direction of traffic, not against it.**
- **Avoid the "Door Zone". Make sure you do not ride too close to parked cars. Be especially careful on Oak Knoll Lane and White Oak. Motorists, also be aware of bicyclist before opening your car door.**
- **Stop at ALL Stop Signs. Make eye contact with driver and wait for driver to signal you to go.**
- **WALK your bicycle in the cross walk.**
- **Wear a HELMET. If you are under 18 years old, you must wear a helmet, it's the law. Parents, you are your kids role models, please wear your helmets when riding with your kids.**
- **Wear bright colored clothes. It's very important be as visible as possible. Wear closed toe shoes to protect your feet.**
- **Lock your bicycle in the bike rack.**
- **Please be SAFE and ENJOY riding your Bike!!!**