

Pedestrian safety:

- Instill in young people safe pedestrian behavior:
 - *Look both ways before crossing the street.
 - *Cross the street at a cross walk -- not in the middle of the street. Only walk when the signal flashes the walk sign or when a crossing guard says it's okay.
 - *Walk on the sidewalk, not in the street.
- If your school/after-school program does not have crossing guards, assign someone to at least be outside of school -- before and after school -- to make sure that students are crossing safely.

Bus safety:

- Remind children and youth to wait for the bus away from traffic and the street. Also, remind them that playing and rough-housing near the street is dangerous.
- Children should wait on the sidewalk until the bus passes and NEVER run into the street in front of or behind the bus.

Playground safety:

- Supervise children at all times.
- Prevent children from pushing, fighting and throwing sand, etc. at others.

Home safety:

- Remind parents about the importance of making sure their children know how to dial 9-1-1.
- Remind parents about the many other safety tips that will help them ensure the safety of their children. DC Action for Children and the Metropolitan Police Department have tips galore. In addition, the police and fire departments can be called upon to make presentations to and work with school children.

Emergency: 911 • Poison Control: (202) 625-3333

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