Bicycle Safety Tips
For children and parents

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**ADULTS**

**When Riding:**
- Model safe behaviors when walking and biking with your child
- Operate bicycles safely and always obey the rules of the road
- Wear safety equipment and ensure children’s equipment is properly fitted
- Spend time riding with younger riders to teach them how to watch for and avoid dangerous traffic situations
- Plan and practice the safest route with children before allowing them to ride to school alone

**When Driving:**
- Be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists in and around schools
- Comply with school drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Be cautious when approaching a stopped or stopping school bus
- Proceed with caution if you are near a bus when yellow lights begin flashing and stop if you are 100’ or more away
- Stop when overhead red lights are flashing on a school bus regardless of the direction

**STUDENTS**

- Follow the “Rules of the Road”
- Ride your bike on the right side of the street in the same direction as traffic
- Obey all traffic signals, signs and lane markings
- Wear a helmet anytime you are riding on wheels
- Only ride on a seat, never pegs or handlebars
- Keep your hands on the handlebars
- Signal your moves and check over your shoulder before turning or changing lanes
- Never wear head phones - It’s the law

**RIDE PEDAL WALK**

*City of Irvine Safe Routes to School*

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