



No matter how you get to and from school or your school bus stop—walking, biking, or driving—there are some simple things you can do to make sure it's a safe trip for everyone.

### **On your feet . . .**

- Use sidewalks when you can. If there are no sidewalks, it's safer to walk facing traffic.
- Cross the road with traffic signals or a crossing guard whenever possible, even if it means a longer walk.
- Stop at the edge of parked cars or the curb before crossing the street.
- Look left-right-left for oncoming cars.
- Walk, don't run or dart into the street.
- Be alert. Avoid talking on your cell phone and other distractions.
- NO HORSEPLAY!!

### **On a bike . . .**

- Wear a helmet—it's the law in Florida. It should fit right and you must wear it correctly to get the full benefit.
- Ride with traffic, not against it.
- Ride as close to the curb as possible.
- Follow all traffic laws, including stopping at all traffic signals and stop signs and using appropriate hand signals.

### **In a car . . .**

- Always be on the lookout for pedestrians, who can be anywhere—even in places they're not supposed to be.
- If you see a pedestrian crossing the street ahead of you, slow down and stop well back so that cars behind you have time to stop.
- Don't assume that pedestrians see you or that they will act predictably or appropriately—especially if they are children.
- While you are waiting to make a turn, keep an eye out for pedestrians who may have moved into your intended path while you were watching for a gap in traffic.