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Back to School Safety Tips

After being closed for more than a year, many schools in Contra Costa County are scheduled to open up for in-person classes this summer and fall. The Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff would like to offer some important safety tips.

“Motorists can expect roads, especially those around schools, to be congested before and after school,” said Contra Costa County Sheriff David Livingston. “By sharing the road, slowing down, and being vigilant, we can all make it safer as our children head back to school.”



Here are some safety tips to keep in mind:

- Children walking to school should only cross streets at cross walks and intersections and never between cars. Obey crossing guards.
- Children riding their bikes or scooters to school should wear helmets and bright clothing.
- Drivers must stop when a school bus has its red lights flashing and stop-arm extended. Children are boarding or unloading. You can continue once the bus starts moving again.
- Drivers should slow down and be aware of children walking and on bicycle, especially in residential areas and schools zones.
- Those taking children to school should follow the drop-off procedures.

Here are some links for additional back to school safety tips:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/school-bus-safety/keeping-children-safe>

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school>

<https://www.safety.com/back-to-school-safety-tips/>

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