What is Safe Routes to School?

A successful Safe Routes to School Program is a partnership between city and county agencies, schools, community organizations, and neighborhoods that work together to create opportunities to make walking and biking to school and throughout the community fun, easy, safe and healthy for all students and their families. Schools and communities have the best chance of success when they combine expertise, resources and program elements that consider the "5 E's of Safe Routes to School": Encouragement, Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Evaluation.

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Safety

It is recommended that you and your child walk or bike together to reinforce safe walking and biking behaviors the first time you join the route. In addition, remember the following safety tips!

- Always wear a bicycle helmet and bright clothing.
- Select the safest route to your destination and use it. Avoid busy streets and intersections.
- Watch for cars at cross streets, driveways and parking spaces.
- Obey all traffic rules and signs--always give proper hand signals: Left turn: left hand and arm held straight out, pointing left; Right turn: left hand & arm held straight up or right arm held straight out, pointing right; Stop: left hand and arm held straight down.
- Walk your bike across busy intersections.
- Always ride single file and watch for opening car doors.
- Always ride with traffic and as close as possible to the right side of the road. Younger riders should use sidewalks when possible.



Look for the Owl Tracks!

To help walkers and bikers locate the designated route to school, there will be owl prints painted into the sidewalk for students and parents to locate the route. Look for the owl prints (coming soon), the Trillium Creek mascot, to ensure you're on the right path! These markings are temporary and will fade over time.



Trillium Creek Primary Safe Routes to School





YOUR GUIDE FOR WALKING AND BIKING SAFELY TO SCHOOL



