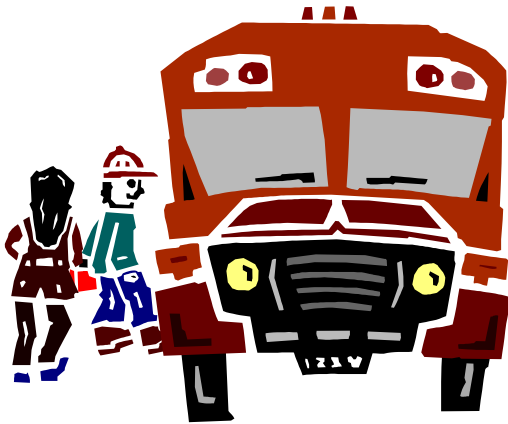


Safe Youth. Safe Schools.



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This fall, approximately 55 million students return to classrooms across the United States. While our nation's schools are expected to be safe havens for learning, unintentional injuries and even violence can occur. These events may disrupt the educational process and negatively affect the school and surrounding community.

Fresh haircuts, new clothes, and backpacks stuffed with markers, pencils, and binders; everything a child needs to start a new school year. As millions of students return to school this fall, teachers will plan their school supply list, and parents will carefully make sure their child is prepared with each and every item. Yet, one detail is sometimes forgotten. Safety should be on every student's back-to-school list.

Whether it is by car, bus, bike, or walking, the minute a child leaves their home, safety becomes a concern. Children need to use seatbelts, look both ways before crossing a street, wear helmets when appropriate, take steps to form respectful relationships, and know how to avoid and reduce conflicts. Safety is also important at school, both in the classroom and during activities such as sports. When parents and educators work together, safety becomes a lifesaving priority that benefits the entire community.

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