Look, listen and be seen

Be a safe pedestrian

Road safety starts with you. With school back in session, here's 10 helpful tips.

Map it out. Plan your walking route with your parents before you leave. Review street names and landmarks.

Road rules. Learn what traffic signs mean and always follow the rules.

Use crosswalks. Never run across the street. Set a good example by using intersections with a crossing light or crosswalk.

Parked vehicles. Avoid shortcuts through parking lots or around parked cars that make it difficult for drivers to see you.

Keep your eyes up. Look both ways and make eye contact with drivers. Ensure they've stopped before crossing the road – even when you have a walk signal.



Stop. Look. Listen. Put away all electronics and headphones while walking to hear traffic that's hard to see.

Be bright and be seen. Wear bright colours or reflective gear, especially on dark mornings and rainy days.

Walk wheels across. If you're riding a bike or scooter, dismount and walk across the crosswalk.

Wear your helmet every ride. A helmet is the best way to protect your head if you fall or crash.

Ride solo. Only one person should ride a scooter or a bike at a time. Never carry passengers and always ride single file.

Reminder

You must be at least 16 years old to ride an e-scooter. E-scooters are permitted only in municipalities participating in B.C.'s pilot program, so check locally before riding.

You must be at least 14 years old to ride a light e-bike and 16 years old to ride a standard e-bike.