

## Look Out for Kids Bicycling, Walking to School

Every day students bicycle and walk to and from school. Reminders from parents and teachers about when and where to cross the street and ride a bicycle are important for helping keep students safe. Also, drivers should respect the speed limit – especially in school zones – and look out for children who sometimes make unpredictable movements.

Understanding how people bicycling, walking and driving should interact together is important to improving safety on area streets and protecting our families, friends and neighbors.

Look Out Texans, a regional public education and outreach campaign, highlights safety tips and encourages people to bicycle, walk and drive safely together. Additionally, to help keep students safe, the Look Out Texans safety campaign has lesson plans and materials to use in the classroom or at home to teach students how to bicycle and walk safely.

Parents and teachers can use the resources customized for students in grades 3-5 and 6-8 that were developed with assistance from North Texas teachers. A combination of videos and activities helps students learn about safe bicycling and walking practices. Articles, letters and tip sheets provide additional information. Look Out Texans provides all of these informative and fun resources for free online at [www.LookOutTexans.org/schoolkit](http://www.LookOutTexans.org/schoolkit).

Parents can teach their children street safety and supervise them when they are bicycling or walking, but ultimately, it is up to everyone to look out for children playing near or crossing the street. Children can be especially difficult to see from a moving vehicle. Their size, unpredictable movements and tendency to run across the street make them easy to miss.

To see more tips for bicycling, walking and driving safely, visit [www.LookOutTexans.org](http://www.LookOutTexans.org).

