



# Clark County 2008-2009 Safe Route to School

## Bicycle Safety

- Keep your bicycle in good mechanical condition (tires, chain, and brakes).
- Obey all traffic rules and signs - always give proper hand signals.
- Walk your bike across busy intersections - use the push button to activate the pedestrian signal where available.
- Always ride with traffic, as close as possible to the right side of the road.
- Be sure the roadway is clear before entering.
- Always ride single file and watch for opening car doors.
- Yield right-of-way to pedestrians.
- Always wear a bicycle safety helmet.
- Select the safest route to your destination and use it. Avoid busy intersections.
- If you must ride your bike at night, be sure that the headlight and reflectors are in good condition.
- Do not perform tricks or stunts while riding your bicycle on public streets.



## Driver Safety Precautions

- Instill child safety in your mind.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs, and pavement markings.
- Be prepared to stop when driving near schools, parks, or playgrounds.
- Look for the unexpected where children are congregated.
- Drive to suit conditions and situations, including rainy weather.
- Use good judgment when picking up children in school or park areas.

The Clark County "Safe Route to School Program" was undertaken to develop a comprehensive computerized traffic and pedestrian safety plan for elementary and middle schools located within the jurisdiction of Clark County. The program involved conducting an inventory of school-related traffic control devices for approximately 83 elementary and 25 middle schools throughout the unincorporated areas and townships of the County.

The purpose of the program is to reduce the potential for accidents and other traffic related conflicts with youngsters going to and from school. A map has been developed so that parents or guardians and students can select a safe route to the following schools:

### Middle Schools

Dr. William H. Bailey  
Canarelli  
Cannon  
Cashman  
Cortney  
Wilbur & Theresa Faiss  
Victoria Fertitta  
Kenny C. Guinn  
Kathleen & Tim Harney  
Indian Springs  
Keller  
Clifford Lawrence  
Justice Marion E. Leavitt

W. Mack Lyon  
Jerome D. Mack  
Mario & Joanne Monaco  
Mike O'Callaghan  
Orr  
Anthony Saville  
Grant Sawyer  
Jack Lund Schofield  
Silvestri  
Lois & Jerry Tarkanian  
Von Tobel  
C. W. Woodbury



# Clark County's "Safe Route to School" Program

The Clark County "Safe Route To School Program" is an annual program undertaken to provide a comprehensive traffic and pedestrian safety plan map for each elementary and middle schools located within the unincorporated areas of the County. The program involves conducting an annual field survey of all school-related traffic control devices for approximately 108 schools prior to the 2008-2009 school year. The inventory provides the foundation for analysis of any deficiencies, such as missing signs, and any additional devices that may be needed. Following the inventory, analysis, and the installation of additional traffic control devices, maps of each school area are produced. Utilizing the maps that identify the locations of all traffic control facilities and devices, safe routes to each school can be selected by parents/ guardians and students.

A vital component of the program is timely data updates. Each school has a substantial attendance area, and planning safe routes to school relates to more than just the streets immediately adjacent to each school site. Frequent and significant changes in school attendance boundaries due to the County's rapid growth and the construction of new school facilities are factors which are considered as data is updated.

Clark County considers pedestrian and bicycle safety to be very important. Studies indicate that school age pedestrians and bicyclists are the group at greatest risk on public streets. In an effort to minimize the risks, in conjunction with the "Safe Route To School Maps", Clark County Public Works has prepared this safety brochure to help educate school children and their parents/guardians on how to reach school as safely as possible. The information provided in this brochure outlines good pedestrian and bicycle safety habits.

This document was prepared by the Clark County Department of Public Works for traffic and child safety education and informational purposes. For additional information or copies, visit our website at :  
[HTTP://WWW.ACCESSCLARKCOUNTY.COM/PUBWORKS/COMMUNITY\\_INFO/SCHOOL\\_SAFE\\_ROUTE.HTM](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/pubworks/community_info/school_safe_route.htm)



## Safe Pedestrians Habits

- When walking along a road where a sidewalk is not provided, walk on the left side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic.
  - Look in all directions for cars, buses, bicycles, motorcycles and pedestrians before crossing the street.
  - Never cross the street from between parked vehicles, because drivers cannot see you.
  - Stand on the curb, not in the street, while waiting to cross the street.
  - Cross only at corners where drivers can see you.
  - Always use a crosswalk when it is available, and remember, painted lines do not force drivers to stop.
  - Use the pedestrian signal button whenever possible and cross with the white "WALK" or walking man symbol signal only.
  - When crossing the street, always watch for vehicles that are turning left or right.
- Do not accept rides from strangers! •



## Crosswalks With Adult School Crossing Guards

- Obey the directions of the Crossing Guard.
- Be alert for traffic! Drivers sometimes fail to obey the Crossing Guard's stop sign.
- Do not run across the street, always walk.
- Do not ride bicycles or skateboards cross the street, walk with them.