



### **Walking to School**

- Review your family's walking safety rules.
- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before you cross the street, stop and look all ways to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Practice walking to school with your child.

### **Riding a bicycle to school**

- Make sure your child always wears his helmet when leaving the house.
- Teach your children the rules of the road they need to know to ride their bicycles.
- Remind children to ride on the right side of the road and in a single file.
- Teach them to come to a complete stop and look both ways before crossing a street.

**Why was the geometry teacher limping?**

*She broke her angle!*

**Do you know how billboards communicate with each other?** They use Sign Language

### **School Buses - One of the Safest Forms of Transportation on the road!**

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school. The reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers. Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, four to seven years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. Drivers please use caution around school buses and ALWAYS Watch For Children. Source: NSC

### **More on Pedestrian Safety**

With more and more children and teenagers owning digital devices, it is crucial that children understand the importance of pedestrian safety. Findings from a study conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission show that in 2011, a total of 1152 people of all ages were treated in hospital emergency rooms in the U.S. for injuries sustained while walking and using a cell phone or other electronic device. And according to statistics posted on [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org), 61 children are hit by cars every day in the United States. As children prepare for the new school year, they need to learn and practice basic safety tips while walking to and from school, around school buses and cars, and to other activities. While it's important to keep these rules in mind during the school year, they should be practiced at all times.

- Do not walk, talk and text.
- If you have to talk or text, move out of the way of others and to the side of the walkway.
- Do not cross or walk in the street while using an electronic device.
- Do not walk with headphones in your ears.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in congested areas.

### **The Red Cross Needs You!**

**-Donate if you can – you could Save up to 3 Lives!** -Supplies continue to be in short supply and with hurricane season in full swing. Conditions may not improve for a while.

### **Did you know...**

- Only 37% of the US population is eligible to donate blood. Less than 10% actually do.
- Every 2 seconds somebody needs blood
- 43,000 pints of donated blood are used each day in the U.S. and Canada.
- 45% of people in the U.S. have type O (+/-) blood.
- O- blood donors** have universal blood which can be given to anyone.
- Type O- blood** is often used in emergencies before the patient's blood type is known, and with newborns needing blood.
- AB type blood donors** (only 4% of the population) have universal plasma – anyone can receive their platelets. One platelet donation can be worth from 12 to 18 whole blood donations – many patients who need platelets are undergoing chemotherapy or organ transplant and have weakened immune systems.
- The Red Cross encourages all to donate whole blood, especially anyone with O- blood, and all donors with A+, B+, and AB blood types to consider donating platelets.**