

Safety Checklist



These programs offered by the Utah Safety Council offer practical strategies to reduce collision related injuries and fatalities on Utah roadways.

A PARENT'S CHECKLIST: TRAFFIC SAFETY

PARENTS:

- Inspect bicycles to make sure they are the appropriate size and in good working order with no loose handlebars, wobbly wheels, flat tires or loose chains.
- Do not allow a child (typically under age 10) to cross streets alone until they demonstrate appropriate traffic skills and judgment.
- Have everyone buckle up on every ride, in every vehicle, with every driver.
- Place infants and children through the age of eight or under 4'9" tall and under 80 pounds in appropriately fitted child safety seats or booster seat as required by Utah law.

TEACH CHILDREN TO:

- Stop at the curb, or the edge of the road if there is no curb, before crossing the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and cross at designated crosswalks or at intersections.
- Walk facing traffic, on sidewalks or paths. Walk as far left as possible if there are no sidewalks.
- Wear bicycle helmets correctly - centered on top of the head and always fitted snugly with straps buckled.
- Ride bicycles with traffic flow and as far to the right as possible if there are no sidewalks.
- Always obey traffic signals and lights as a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Buckle up on every ride, in every vehicle, with every driver.
- Never play in or around cars.
- Never ride in the bed of a pickup truck.
- Never walk on railroad tracks and stay away from rail yards, railroad cars and rail equipment.

Source: Safe Kids Worldwide