

# Did You Know...

## Back to School Safety Tips

- Be smart about posting back-to-school first day pictures on social media. Try and eliminate identifiers such as the child's full name or the name of the school they attend.
- Remind children about bike, skateboard, scooter safety including the use of helmets and protective gear.
- Keep your head up while walking; texting, talking on the phone, or even listening to music can distract you from potential hazards.
- Go over the safest walking route with your children to ensure they know the best way home. The routes should avoid shortcuts, alleys, and areas that may pass by abandoned houses or buildings.
- Have your child use the buddy system, and walk with a friend to/from school whenever possible.
- If your child is home alone after school, ensure they know to lock the doors and to check in with you periodically.
- Make sure your child knows their information including your phone numbers, the home address, and an emergency number.
- School zones will be active again; as a driver, pay attention and follow the rules of the road. This includes never passing a school bus with it's lights flashing/Stop arm extended and obeying the speed limits.
- If your child or a family member is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, remember to stay home and get tested!

