

# DOES YOUR CHILD KNOW?

Each week millions of children journey to and from their schools. Whether they travel by bus, car, bike, or on foot, they may face dangers along the way. Have you discussed safety issues with your child? Is he or she aware of the dangers? Use the tips below to make safety a priority.

- ◆ If your child is a bus rider, wait for the bus together. Point out safety measures such as staying out of the street and paying attention to traffic. Make sure he or she knows which bus to take. Stress the importance of never accepting a ride from anyone unless it is discussed with you beforehand.
- ◆ As you drive to school with your child, point out landmarks. Make sure that your child knows the route to school. Discuss safety issues such as slowing down in the school zone.
- ◆ Does your son or daughter ride a bike to school? Instruct your child on the importance of following traffic laws, and sharing the roads and sidewalks with others. Discuss the danger of talking to people in nearby vehicles. Point out safe places to go if your child feels scared or needs help.
- ◆ Does your child walk to school? Walk the route to school together. Point out safe places to go if they are being followed or need help. Explain the importance of never taking shortcuts behind or in between buildings.

