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### **Back to school safety tips from the Summit Police Department**

SUMMIT, NJ, August 27, 2025 – As Summit students prepare to head back to school, the Summit Police Department is sharing some safety tips for motorists and children who are walking and biking to school.

“Pedestrian safety is always a priority for Summit Police, but it’s particularly important during back to school when children may be distracted by the excitement of seeing friends and meeting new teachers,” explains Summit Police Lt. Charlie Daly. “Across the United States, thousands of children are injured in collisions with motor vehicles each year. Drivers are encouraged to leave plenty of time for travel and pay close attention to the road when driving especially in school zones.”

The following safety tips will help to protect Summit’s youngest pedestrians, and ensure a happy and safe school year:

- Look all ways before crossing the street.
- Look up from your phone to ensure you can safely cross the street.
- Cross only at corners and use crosswalks.
- Obey police officers, school crossing guards, and traffic signals.
- Watch for turning cars and distracted drivers.
- Be particularly alert in bad weather.
- Do not run or play near motor vehicle traffic.
- Walk in groups to and from school.
- If you notice something dangerous, report it to an adult.
- If riding a bicycle, wear a helmet and follow the rules of the road. (Go to [cityofsummit.org/bikesafety](http://cityofsummit.org/bikesafety) to review the new rules for riding e-bikes and e-scooters in town).

At the start of the new school year, police officers will be present at all Summit schools to help ensure pedestrian and bicycle safety and encourage safe driving.

The department recently published a [video](#) featuring these back-to-school safety tips. Additional pedestrian safety information is available at [cityofsummit.org/pedestriansafety](http://cityofsummit.org/pedestriansafety).

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