

Crossing Basics

Tips for Success

Plan Your Route Galiano Community School



Join in and help support more students and their families confidently use active and sustainable transportation for the commute to and from school!



Choose a spot to cross with a long, clear view in both directions. When possible, choose to cross the road at marked crosswalks or traffic signals.

- ✓ Use the Sturdies Bay Trail when possible. When walking along the shoulder of roadways, walk single file facing traffic so that you can see approaching vehicles and they can see you. Make eye contact.
- ✓ Be alert and visible. Wear bright and/or reflective gear when walking or cycling. Use lights on your body and bicycles.
- ✓ Practice your route together to build your confidence and independence. Identify any potential concerns and address them.
- ✓ Share your experiences, check in regularly and make adjustments to optimize safety and comfort.
- ✓ Invite neighbours and friends to join you along the way or establish meet up spots and go part-way to school together!
- ✓ Avoid shortcuts through parking lots or around parked cars. Vehicles have front, back, and side blind spots. The larger the vehicle, the larger its blind spots.



Questions?

Contact your PAC, Principal or
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STOP One big step back from the curb or shoulder. Wait a safe distance from edge of the road.

LOOK Left and right a few times for approaching traffic (vehicles, bikes, etc.).

LISTEN Remove headphones and pause your phone or text conversation so you can hear traffic.

THINK About whether it is safe to cross - when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped. Make eye contact with drivers and cyclists.

CROSS When the roadway is clear, start crossing. Keep looking and listening for approaching traffic while you cross.

did you know?

Among the top dangerous driving behaviours in B.C. school zones are:

- Speeding
- Distracted driving
- Illegal parking/stopping
- Double parking
- Ignoring or rolling through stop signs
- Stopping in no stopping/no parking zones
- Making U-turns and/or 3-point turns
- Failing to obey crossing guards
- Children exiting vehicles on the traffic side



PLAN YOUR ROUTE TO GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Selecting your safest route can be simple or complex, depending on the location and distance between your home and school.

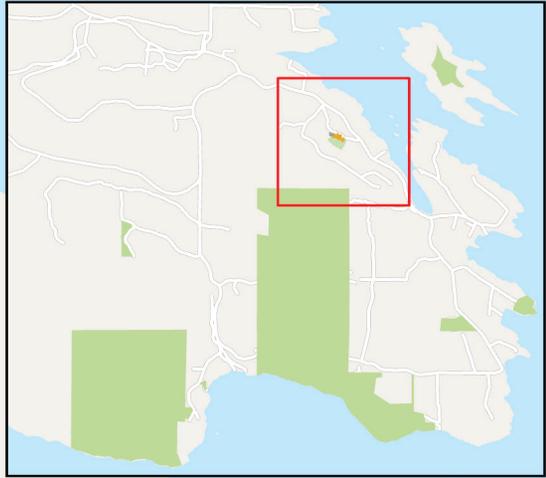
It is important to determine:

1. Where you will walk, bike, roll or bus.

When walking, choose pedestrian paths where possible, even if that means the trip will take a bit longer. If you're bussing, wait at designated bus stops a safe distance away from the road.

2. Where you will cross streets.

Choose routes with the fewest and safest streets to cross. For example, cross where there is a stop sign, an intersection or where there are clear sightlines. Always choose the shortest distance to get to the other side of the roadway.



Legend

- One-directional stop sign
- Watch for pedestrians on shoulder
- Bicycle Rack
- Pedestrian School Access Point
- Pedestrian Trail
- School Zone sign
- School Zone 30 km/hr
- Drop-off zone; stopping permitted



Did you know?
a child's walk pace is about
8 mins per 500 metres



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