

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Many young children will be heading back to their childcare programs after summer break. Make sure to practice safety and preparedness with your child and ask important questions to childcare providers.



Remove all necklaces and jackets with drawstrings. These items can cause accidental strangulation on the playground and inside childcare facilities.



Check the playground for uneven ground surfaces, secure guardrails and barriers, wide openings between rails and bars, and sharp points and edges.



Make sure hazardous products are stored away and kept out of the reach of children.



Teach children to move away from cars when they turn on, and especially when pulling out of a parking space.



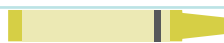
Obey traffic laws by using sidewalks and crosswalks. Be alert for distracted drivers.



Show children how to get on and off the bus safely.



Make sure your childcare facility performs regular headcounts. Children should never be forgotten on the bus.



Practice emergency preparedness drills in an age-appropriate manner. Have children participate in making emergency kits and to-go bags.



Check the parent handbook: make sure it includes updated safety procedures and protocols, as well as emergency preparedness, response, and recovery measures.



Update all communications: contact numbers, email addresses, and pediatrician information.



Check-in Policy: make sure providers call you if your child does not show up to childcare.



Make sure all doors are locked from the outside so an intruder cannot walk into the facility.



How does the facility plan to reach you? Text, email, or phone call?



See something, say something: If you notice any suspicious individuals or behaviors near the childcare facility, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.



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