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# Fairfield Police Department

Continually Striving to Make Fairfield Safer  
Honor - Professionalism - Excellence



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Dear Fairfield School Community,

As the new school year begins, I want to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents, teachers, and staff in our Fairfield community. The start of the school year is an exciting time filled with new opportunities, and the Fairfield Police Department remains dedicated to ensuring that our schools are a safe space for everyone — especially our children.

With students returning to classrooms, our streets and sidewalks will be bustling with activity. It's more important than ever that we work together to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian safety. Whether you're walking, biking, or driving, each of us plays a crucial role in keeping our community safe.

Here are a few important reminders as we begin the school year:

#### **For Drivers:**

- Be extra vigilant in school zones and near bus stops. Obey speed limits and always watch for crossing guards.
- Exercise caution around crosswalks and always yield to pedestrians.
- Avoid distractions, especially when driving through areas where children are present.

#### **For Parents and Students:**

- If your child is biking to school, ensure they wear a helmet and are familiar with the rules of the road.
- Remind children to use crosswalks and obey traffic signals.
- Encourage your children to stay aware of their surroundings, whether walking or biking.

#### **For Pedestrians and Bicyclists:**

- Always use designated crosswalks and remain alert, even when you have the right of way.
- Bicyclists should ride with traffic, not against it, and use hand signals when turning.
- Make yourself visible to drivers, particularly during early morning or late afternoon when visibility is reduced.

#### **Important Information on E-Bikes and E-Scooters:**

E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular, especially among children who ride them throughout town, particularly in heavily populated areas such as downtown, the beach, and the Black Rock Turnpike commercial area. It is crucial that parents take time to discuss safety with their children and ensure they understand the applicable rules and regulations, including helmet requirements, speed limits, and where these devices can be legally used. For detailed information on e-bike and e-scooter safety, please visit our [Safe and Legal Use of Electric Bikes and Scooters in Fairfield webpage](#).

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## See Something, Say Something:

School safety is everyone's responsibility. We encourage parents, students, staff, and community members to promptly report any suspicious activity or safety concerns, such as an unlocked door, suspicious behavior, or unknown items, to the proper authorities. Parents, please encourage your children to speak up if they notice anything unusual or unsafe, whether at school, on the way to school, or in the community.

Our School Safety Division and the entire Fairfield Police Department are fully committed to the safety and security of our schools. Throughout the year, our officers will be patrolling school zones and surrounding areas to ensure everyone's safety. We are also collaborating closely with school administrators and community leaders to promote safe practices and build a culture of safety.

For more information on safety tips and resources, including guidelines for e-bikes, e-scooters, and helmet laws, please visit the Fairfield Police Department's website at [www.fpdct.com](http://www.fpdct.com). We encourage you to explore our resources and stay informed about our ongoing initiatives to enhance community safety.

Safety is a shared responsibility, and together, we can create an environment where our children can travel to and from school confidently and securely. Please take a moment to review these safety tips with your children and make them a part of your daily routine.

Let's work together to make this school year one of the safest yet. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish all of our students and families a successful and enriching school year.

Sincerely,



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