



A CHILD'S VIEW OF BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

When it comes to back to school safety issues, we can learn a lot from a child's perspective. I asked several children for their best advice for other children and adults regarding safety at school whether it be commuting, classroom, or whatever else comes to their mind. These are their responses:

"...look both ways before you cross the street ... use your eyes, use your ears and then use your feet!"

"Don't get in anybody else's car."

"...one time when I seen this kid being a bully, I says stop being a bully. That's not nice...."

"Don't ever send pics on your phone (or computer) that will embarrass you later or could get you in trouble." (No sexting).

"...stranger danger is real, like don't even talk to them even if they say they know you or your mom or something..."

"Make friends with the quiet kid in the back It may save your life later..."

"You still gotta wear your seat belt when you get a ride from your friend's parent."

"Lock your bicycle. Someone took mine and never got it back yet."

"Stay off your phone when you're walking across the streets."

"Last year one time, we got in a crash because the other car was texting. It was so scary. The police gave that guy a ticket."



We can learn from each other's experiences and points of view. Bottom line, please be safe in the school and around the school zones.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)

Draper City has a position open for one Volunteer In Police Service (VIPS). VIPS are highly-trained individuals who act as an extra set of eyes and ears for the Police Department. VIPS report suspicious activity and help with community-oriented policing functions such as setting up speed radar trailers and patrols in Corner Canyon. Volunteers are expected to work eight hours a month. VIPS do not perform Law Enforcement duties. After training, VIPS may be assigned to conduct mobile Neighborhood Watch patrols via vehicle, bicycle, or on foot. VIPS work in teams of two.

To become a member of the Draper City VIPS team:

- Complete an application online.
- Pass the criminal background, drivers' history check, and a drug test.
- Participate in an interview with the Crime Prevention Specialist, Patrol Lieutenant, and the Chief of Police.



More information regarding qualifications and the application can be found at www.draperutah.gov/VIPS

Application deadline is September 17, 2021