



Upper Saddle River Police Dept.
Community Message

MEMORANDUM

To:	Upper Saddle River Schools
From:	Chief Patrick Rotella
Reference:	Pedestrian Safety Message
Date:	August 31, 2015

The following information is being sent as an addition to the Police Departments recently released Schools Open Drive Carefully message.

The Police Department would like to provide parents whose children walk to school some pedestrian safety tips. If followed, these tips can be helpful in preventing pedestrian accidents for both children and adults, alike.

The recommendations in the list below have been provided by AAA of North Jersey and the New Jersey Division of Highway Safety.

- ✓ Always cross at a crosswalk or corner. Crosswalks and corners are the safest place to cross the street.
- ✓ Never cross between parked cars or in the middle of the street.
- ✓ Before crossing the roadway, look all ways. Look to the left, right, in front of you and behind you. Stay Alert.
- ✓ "See and Be Seen." Make eye contact with the driver. Make sure the driver sees you and stops the vehicle. Remain Alert.
- ✓ Continue to look for vehicles while crossing.
- ✓ Obey traffic signals, especially the *Walk/Don't Walk* sign.
- ✓ At intersections, watch for vehicles turning right on red.
- ✓ Walk – do not run – across the road. Keep looking for vehicles as you are crossing.
- ✓ Wear light, bright colors during daylight. Wear reflective material, and carry a flashlight at night.
- ✓ Be extra careful in bad weather.
- ✓ In areas without sidewalks, walk as far away from the roadway as possible. Remember to walk on the left side of the road **FACING** traffic.
- ✓ Use the buddy system. Walk and cross with others, when possible.
- ✓ If at all possible, do not walk at night or during bad weather such as rain, snow or ice.



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As a reminder, please use sidewalks when available. More specifically, children who walk to the Upper Saddle River Library or Elmer's Country Store after school should be using the sidewalk on Lake Street. This sidewalk connects Lions Park to East Saddle River Road and leads directly to a marked crosswalk that pedestrians can use to cross Lake Street.

Most crosswalk locations provide traffic control devices, such as signage and traffic lights to assist pedestrians when crossing the street. Motorists should also keep alert and be aware of advisory signs indicating a crosswalk ahead or freestanding stop for pedestrian signs that may be placed prior to a crosswalk location. Failing to use a marked crosswalk, when available, is not only dangerous but a violation of New Jersey State Statute.

Lake Street/East Saddle River Road Traffic Safety Improvement, (August 31, 2015)

Within the past week, a new overhead street light was recently installed in the area of Lake Street and East Saddle River Road. The newly installed lighting will help to illuminate the crosswalk in this area and provide better visibility for both pedestrians and motorists.