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# Walk 'n Wheel

Safe Routes Philly promotes biking and walking as fun, healthy forms of transportation in Philadelphia Elementary Schools. SRP is made possible by funding from the Department of Health and Human Services.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2/23  
[Crossing Guard training in West Chester](#)

3/20-3/22  
[National Bike Summit](#)

Full event list: visit our [calendar](#)

## Emergency Action Plan

Our [emergency assemblies](#) at Carnell Elementary back in October has resulted in the creation of an [Emergency Action Plan](#).

This free resource for schools is a starting point for developing a plan should a student be struck by a vehicle. Schools can adopt it unaltered or tailor it to their needs.

Find the [Emergency Action Plan](#), as well as assembly programs and scripts, call-and-response songs, videos and PowerPoints, all for free [on our website](#).

For news about Safe Routes Philly, active transportation, and other bicycling and pedestrian-related issues, [follow our blog](#).

## Grant Opportunity For School Projects

Lowe's Hardware has opened its [Toolbox For Education Grant](#) application window. The program awards up to \$5,000 to public schools and parent/teacher groups for school projects. The deadline is Feb 17th or 1,500 applications, whichever comes first.

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Dear Nicholas,

Happy New Year from Safe Routes Philly!

Though this winter has yet to really show its full bag of tricks, we want to remind you all to take extra safety precautions when walking and riding (it's still cold and dark out there). This issue of the Walk 'n Wheel features safe winter walking tips, information on grants and crossing guard training sessions, and an update on our Emergency Action Plan. All of these things can help your school stay safe when the streets get slick and the sky gets dark.

Safe riding and walking through the winter!

The Safe Routes Philly team



## Winter Walking Tips

Don't let bad weather prevent you from walking your children to school. But arm them with these safety tips to do so safely!



### Be Prepared For Early Darkness

In the winter months it gets dark earlier, so be mindful of the time. If you know you're going to be out after dark, have a walking buddy. Always try and stay in well-lit areas.

### Look Out For Ice

Keep your eyes peeled for ice patches on the sidewalks or in the street. Ice can be hard to see, especially when clear on top of black asphalt. Ice can remain on the ground even if the air feels warm. Never scamper across the street against oncoming traffic, but especially when there could be ice on the road.

### **Take Extra Precautions When Walking Before/During/After Extreme Weather**

Extreme weather can cause city traffic and parking to be a little disjointed. Keep an eye out for visual barriers, such as snow mounds or unique parking situations, which might block you from a motorist's view. Bicyclists, drivers, and pedestrians all have to be especially aware of one another during snowfall or flurries. Make sure you have a clear view of the street and traffic has a clear view of you before attempting to cross the street.

### **Bundle Up**

A warm jacket, hat and gloves will keep you warm when playing a game of catch in the park or walking to or from school.

### **Free Crossing Guard Training In West Chester**

Are you a crossing guard or do you work at a school which uses crossing guards? The [Pennsylvania Safe Routes to School Resource Center](#) is offering one-day training sessions for crossing guards. The closest session to Philadelphia:

**February 23rd, 2012**

**West Chester, PA**

**Cost: free but space is limited**

This training represents the first time that standardized crossing guard instruction has been developed and taught across Pennsylvania.

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