



PTA Newsletter Article – Special Edition: Construction Safety

### **Watch Out for Construction Zones**

Safety is always important when your children are walking or biking to school, and it is crucial when construction is taking place in your area. Along with teaching safe walking and biking habits, such as walking with a friend and looking left, right, and left again before crossing the street, teach your children a few additional safety rules when it comes to walking or biking near a construction area.

- Always obey flaggers and construction signs.
- Slow down when riding a bike in these areas.
- Stay out of construction areas, which are usually marked by large orange barrels, cones, fences, signs or brightly colored tape.
- Give equipment drivers plenty of space. Remember: if you can't see their eyes, they can't see you!
- Don't go beyond the "Danger" tape or "Do Not Enter" signs.
- Don't touch or play near construction equipment.
- Follow any detour signs that are posted in the area.
- Follow the safest routes on the school's SNAP Map (contact the principal for a copy of your school's SNAP Map).

More ideas from UDOT's Student Neighborhood Access Program (SNAP)<sup>™</sup> to encourage your child to walk and bike to school safely are available at [www.udot.utah.gov/SNAP](http://www.udot.utah.gov/SNAP). Contact the principal to receive a copy of your school's SNAP Map.