

Lighten Up – Bright Colors Help Cars Spot Walking Students

We're finally through the darkest part of winter, and the sun will be rising earlier through spring. But even with increasing daylight, it's still a good idea to keep kids in bright clothes when walking and biking during winter months.

Here are some other ways to keep students safe when walking and biking to school this winter:

- 🕒 Follow the safest routes on the school's SNAP Map (contact the school for your copy)
- 🕒 Slow down
- 🕒 Wear bright or reflective clothing or tape so they can be seen in the dark too
- 🕒 If they wear a dark coat, add a brightly colored scarf, hat or reflective gear
- 🕒 Dress in layers and wear boots with nonskid soles
- 🕒 Wear gloves so they won't need to put their hands in their pockets; they'll need their hands free to catch themselves if they slip and fall
- 🕒 Walk with a buddy or group
- 🕒 Walk on sidewalks if possible; if sidewalks are covered in snow and ice, walk in the street against the flow of traffic and as close to the curb as possible
- 🕒 Look left, then right, then left again when crossing a street
- 🕒 Cross only at crosswalks
- 🕒 Before stepping off the curb into the street where ice and snow are present, make sure any approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop

More ideas from the UDOT Student Neighborhood Access Program (SNAP)[™] to encourage your child to walk and bike to school safely are available at www.udot.utah.gov/SNAP. Contact the school for your child's SNAP Map.