Today your child participated in a special traffic safety program led by the Department of Transportation’s Division of Safety Education.

Please reinforce these lessons when walking, riding or biking, to help create safe habits that will last throughout your child’s life.

**Parent Resources**

Sign up for Safety Education e-newsletters at: [www.nyc.gov/dotnews](http://www.nyc.gov/dotnews)
or contact us at safetyinfo@dot.nyc.gov

For more in-depth information, visit:
American Academy of Pediatrics [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)
SafeKids USA [www.safekids.org/safetytips](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips)
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Injury Prevention Program [www.chop.edu/service/injury-prevention-program](http://www.chop.edu/service/injury-prevention-program)

Be a good role model.
Help reinforce what your child has learned today!

**NEWSLETTER**
**WALK**

**Pedestrian Safety**
- Cross at the corner in the crosswalk. That’s where drivers expect to see you.
- Stop at the curb. Look and listen for traffic before you begin to cross.
- Even if the WALK signal is in your direction be on the lookout, especially for vehicles turning left.
- Keep scanning while you cross the street.
- Be especially careful crossing during inclement weather.
- Remember to stay alert!

**BIKE**

**Safety on Wheels**
- Be sure your bicycle is equipped with:
  - White headlight on the front and red taillight on the back
  - Bell or horn (not whistle)
  - Working brakes
  - Reflective tires or reflectors
  - Helmets must be worn by children age 13 and younger. For safety sake, please encourage everyone to wear one regardless of age.
  - Drive in the street, not on the sidewalks (unless age 12 or younger).

**RIDE**

**Passenger Safety**
- All front seat occupants must buckle up.
- All children under age 8 must be restrained by an appropriate child restraint system.
- All children under age 16 must buckle up in the front and back seat. The back seat is the safest place to sit for children under age 13 (farther from the dangers of airbags, the windshield and dashboard).

Drivers may receive a fine of up to $100 and three points against their license if a passenger under age 16 is not properly restrained.

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**Child Car Seats**

When used correctly, car seats and safety belts double your chances of surviving a serious car crash.

Is your child’s car seat installed properly? 9 out of 10 car seats are not. Call to arrange a free inspection* at a DOT Child Car Seat Fitting Station. A trained car seat technician will check your seat and demonstrate correct installation.

For all fittings contact our main number: (212) 839-4750 or email cars seats@dot.nyc.gov

*Inspections are done by appointment only.

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**DRIVE**

**Safety Behind the Wheel**

If a car is traveling 40 mph or faster, there’s a 70% chance that a pedestrian who is struck will be killed; at 30 mph, there is an 80% chance that the pedestrian will live. That’s why the speed limit in NYC is 30 mph.

If you drive your child to school, please comply with speed regulations in school zones. Be alert for children who may dart out into the street suddenly. Remember to stop for a school bus with red lights flashing. Passing a stopped school bus can be dangerous for children and, in New York State, it is against the law.

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**BUCKLE UP EVERY RIDE, EVERY TIME!**

A pedestrian struck at 40 mph is 3.5 times more likely to be killed than one struck at 30 mph.