

Back to School: Ensuring Safety for Children and Teens

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Like you, our <u>Dixon Law Office</u> team is sending our children off to school as the new school year begins. For this reason, the safety of children and teens is on our minds. Unfortunately, the back-to-school season brings an increased risk of injuries, especially related to school transportation, playground activities, and pedestrian accidents. Here are some crucial safety tips and statistics to help ensure a safe school year for your children.

School Bus Safety

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), school buses are one of the safest modes of transportation for children, with less than 1% of all traffic fatalities involving school-aged children occurring on school transportation vehicles. However, accidents still happen, often due to neglectful driving.

Pedestrian Safety

The National Safety Council reports that most child pedestrian accidents happen between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., when children are walking home from school. Remind your children to use crosswalks, obey traffic signals, and avoid distractions like phones while walking.

Playground Safety

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), emergency departments treat more than 200,000 children under 14 for playground-related injuries each year. Ensure that your child's school playground equipment is well-maintained and that there is adequate supervision during playtime.



Bicycle Safety

If your child rides a bike to school, make sure they wear a helmet. Helmets reduce the risk of head injury by 85%. Also, equip their bike with reflectors and ensure they know and follow traffic rules.

Unfortunately, even when your child is taking proper precautions, injuries still happen. If your child or other loved one is injured, the Dixon Law Office team may be able to help. Contact us 24x7 and let us help you.









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