

## Walking School Bus

Children in the housing developments normally walk the same route to school or to the bus stop. Safe Passage provides a secure route to and from their school. Parental involvement in this segment of the program is key. Parents and other volunteers (no less than two per six children) will accompany the children to school, following a specifically planned, safe and secure route. The route will start with the child living the farthest from school. The Walking school bus will pick up children along the designated routes as it proceeds to the school or bus stop. Once the walking school bus arrives at school, the children will be transferred to the parent/school patrol who will make sure the children are taken directly to the appropriate school room. At the end of the school day, this routine is done in reverse, where the parents/school patrol ensure children are transported and safely board the walking school bus.

## Safe Haven

The Safe Haven program provides children with a safe and secure place to go when in crisis. Local businesses, police precincts, recreational centers and other locations are designated as Safe Havens. The locations will be easily identified by signage in windows and may be located via a text or phone system. Volunteers will assist children in crisis at these locations and children will be provided with resources to ensure their safety and well-being. If you are interested in joining our efforts to provide a safe and secure environment for youth, please contact the Community Safety Partnership office at (205) 254-6900, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., contact us via email at [Shelia.Finney@birninghamal.gov](mailto:Shelia.Finney@birninghamal.gov), [facebook.com/bhampolice](https://www.facebook.com/bhampolice), [police.birminghamal.gov](https://www.police.birminghamal.gov), or [tips@habd.net](mailto:tips@habd.net)

## Contact Us

### Birmingham Police Department

Emergency Number: 911  
Non-emergency Number: (205) 328-9311

### Birmingham Fire Department

Emergency Number: 911  
(205) 254-2053

**North Precinct**  
(205) 254-2680

**HABD Tip Line**  
(205) 521-0761

**South Precinct**  
(205) 254-2793

**Rape Response**  
(205) 323-7273

**East Precinct**  
(205) 254-2685

**Bullying Hotline**  
1 (800) 668-6868

**West Precinct**  
(205) 254-2682

**Suicide Hotline**  
1 (800) 273-8255

**Crisis Center**  
(205) 323-7777

**Crime Stoppers**  
(205) 254-7777

### City Action Partnership (CAP)

(205) 251-0111

## In partnership with...

Birmingham Police Department  
Mayor's Office of Peace and Policy  
Housing Authority of the Birmingham District



## Birmingham Police Department

### Community Safety Partnership

Safe Passage

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## Purpose

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP), purpose is to increase and enhance the safety, security, and welfare of residents in the Birmingham Housing Authority District. As part of the Birmingham Police Department's goal of building safe and secure communities, CSP has implemented "Safe Passage." Safe Passage is a combination of opportunities for parents and residents, as well as, businesses and volunteers throughout the housing developments and city, to become involved in the community. The program allows our partners to assist the Birmingham Police Department in providing a safe and secure environment for youth. The Safe Passage Program includes the Walking School Bus Program, Parent Patrol and Safe Haven (Place).



## Walking to School Safety Tips

You should share the following tips with your child:

- Always find the safest route. Point out unsafe obstacles and warn your children to stay clear of them.
- Always teach your child to not pick up weapons of any sort, guns, knives, razors, etc. Instruct them to report their findings to a parent or school administrator.
- Always instruct your children to look both ways several times before crossing the street.
- Do not text and walk! Pay attention and be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not wear headphones when crossing the street.
- Do not talk to strangers or accept rides from people you do not know.
- If someone approaches your child and insists he/she get into their vehicle, get the best description as possible, (vehicle color, clothing description, skin completion, hair color, eye color etc.) yell, and run in the opposite direction towards people. When you arrive at school or home, tell your principal and parents. Call the police and provide us with your description.
- Do not walk down alleyways and always walk in groups.
- Stay away from abandoned houses.
- Do not cross railroad tracks unless it's at a designated crossing area.
- Do not play on train tracks.
- Do not jump onto trains that are in motion .
- To avoid unnecessary injuries, walk, do not run.

