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Huntington Beach, Calif. – The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) encourages parents and students to join their classmates and walk, bike, or roll to class on October 12, 2022.

“Walk and Roll to School Day” is celebrated annually to highlight the benefits of exercise and practice pedestrian and road safety with other students, families, and caregivers.

“Walking to school is a great way to exercise daily and feel comfortable getting to and from school safely,” HBPD Sergeant Mike Thomas said. “We hope this is a fun, rewarding experience for students and community members that shows how important it is for everyone to be safe walking, biking, or rolling.”

The HBPD offers tips for students who walk, bike, or roll to school:

- Plan your route on roads with sidewalks or paths away from traffic. If there are no sidewalks, walk or ride as far from cars as possible, facing traffic.
- Use crosswalks, preferably at stop signs or signals. If there are unmarked crosswalks, cross at corners on streets with fewer lanes and lower speed limits.
- Always look left-right-left before crossing the street. Continue to scan for traffic as you cross the street.
- Watch for cars entering/leaving driveways or parking spaces.
- Always wear a helmet when riding or rolling.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Keep the earbud or headphone volume low enough so you can still hear around you.

Drivers should be extra careful, anticipate more foot and bike traffic on the morning of October 12, 2022, and be prepared to stop for school buses and children crossing the street. Drivers should always watch their speed and slow down in school zones.

Schools are encouraged to register at walkbiketoschool.org to track participation and show support for active, healthy, and safe transportation.

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