

Why walk or roll to school?

It's Healthy!

- Being active leads to improved physical and mental health.
- Travelling actively to school has been linked to increased alertness and attention at school.

It's Fun!

- Travelling actively to school is a great way to spend time with family and friends.
- Using an active mode of transportation can be a lot more enjoyable than sitting in traffic!

It might be closer than you think!

• Many children can walk 1 kilometer in about 15 minutes or less. The time to bike is about half that.

It's good for adults too!

• Each step you take contributes to the 150 minutes of physical activity recommended for adults each week.

Safety Tips for walking and rolling

Map out a route from your home to school and practice travelling that route with your child.

- Choose routes with sidewalks or paths where you can walk or roll, including the School Walking Routes marked in your community.
- Point out crossing guards, crosswalks, stop signs, landmarks, safety hazards and friends' homes, in case of emergency.

Whatever your travel mode, always follow the rules of the road:

- Obey all traffic signals/signs and trail signs.
- Avoid crossing the street midblock, and never cross between parked or stopped vehicles.
- Practice extra caution when crossing driveways.

What if we live too far from school to walk or roll?

- If your child takes the school bus, try walking to the bus stop instead of driving.
- If your child does not take the school bus, try parking 5 or 10 minutes away from the school, and walk or roll the rest of the way. You'll avoid traffic and get some exercise, too!

