



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT:** Walk to School Day

**LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:** City of Garden Grove

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**NARRATIVE:**

**The Garden Grove Police Department Encourages Public to Get Active for Walk to School Day**

Garden Grove, Calif.– The Garden Grove Police Department supports this year's "Walk to School Day" activities even if the trip to school has been to the living room lately.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made school an at-home learning experience for much of the state, but the Garden Grove Police Department is joining dozens of communities in California encouraging children, parents and community leaders to get active and highlight the benefits of walking.

"Walk to School Day is different this year, but it is still important to include a walk as part of the school day," Police Chief Tom DaRé said. "Even if schools are closed or have limited in-person instruction, a neighborhood walk gets students into a routine and allows them to practice safe walking behaviors."

To help keep students who may be out for a walk safe, the Garden Grove Police Department will be out to monitor areas that have a history of cases where a vehicle strikes a pedestrian. Officers will monitor drivers and pedestrians who fail to yield the right-of-way or make other unsafe, illegal violations.

While Walk to School Day was officially Oct. 7, the public is welcome to celebrate any day this month or when in-person learning resumes.

The Garden Grove Police Department offers a best safety practices for children to incorporate into their walks:

- Always look left-right-left before crossing the street. Make sure cars see you. Continue scanning for cars when entering the crosswalk.
- Do not listen to loud music or use a phone when walking. Eyes and ears should be focused on the road ahead.
- Quiz yourself on traffic rules.
- Watch for cars entering/backing out of driveways or leaving parking spaces.

To learn more about [Walk to School Day](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/20-ideas-for-walk-to-school-day-2020/), or for ideas on how to participate while adhering to public health directives, visit the Walk to School Day website: <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/20-ideas-for-walk-to-school-day-2020/>



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