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Slow down and look around; drivers are reminded to exercise caution on roadways

As students return to the classrooms, drivers are encouraged to share the road

August 19, 2022 (Peoria, IL) With school back in session, more students and parents are out and about on the City's roads walking and bicycling.

The City of Peoria Department of Public Works is urging drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians to be responsible and be on the lookout for one another as students of all ages return to the classrooms.

Public Works would like to encourage everyone to share the road and extend these common courtesies to avoid accidents.

- **Reminders for Motorists:** Taking the extra time to drive safely is your most important responsibility. Remember to plan ahead and follow the posted speed limits, and heed all traffic signals, stop signs, and yield signs.
- **Reminders for Pedestrians:** Be vigilant about your own safety. Use signaled crosswalks when possible and practice extreme caution when crossing at intersections without signals. Look both ways before crossing the street and never run between cars into the street. Be visible. Bright and reflective clothing can improve your visibility.
- **Reminders for Bicyclists:** If you can't see them, they can't see you. Bicyclists should wear bright and reflective clothing. Use bike lanes and sharrows when possible, or ride with the flow of traffic, on the right, and in a straight line. Slow down and check for oncoming traffic before entering any street or intersection.

With these reminders, Public Works hopes to make the City's streets safer for all users of all ages and abilities. Many vehicle crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists can be prevented by exercising extra caution.

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