Back to School Safety Checklist

Florida schools are now back in session, meaning your children are no longer home under your watchful eye. With that in mind, it's a good idea to remember some safety tips to ensure your child makes it to and from school safely every day.

Here's a quick checklist to keep in mind, what your children should be doing to stay safe at school.

Transportation

If traveling by car:

- Always obey the speed limits, especially in school zones.
- Buses that are picking up or dropping off students should never be passed.
- Keep a watchful eye on the back-to-school walkways, particularly in school zones.

If traveling by bus:

- Take your children to the bus stop so that they are aware of its location and become familiar with the process.
- Children should not be closer than six feet from the curb to give them adequate safe space, away from traffic.
- Introduce your child to the bus driver so that you know who they are.

If traveling on foot:

- Always walk on the sidewalks unless crossing the street. If there is no sidewalk, children should walk against traffic, not with it.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street, and only stick to designated walkways when possible.
- Become familiar with the crossing guards in the school zones, and don't cross until traffic is fully stopped.

If traveling on a bicycle:

- Walk your bicycle across the street.
- Always wear a helmet and bright clothing for visibility.
- Stay in bicycle lanes and ride on the side that goes with traffic.

Safe at School

- Backpacks should be comfortable and worn properly. Never carrying too much weight.
- Avoid wearing jewelry, this can cause injuries while playing on playgrounds.
- Becoming acquainted with teachers and staff, so you know who to contact in the event of an emergency.

There's no better way to ensure your child is safe during their school days than by taking safety precautions. If your child has been injured — contact a Bradenton injury lawyer at Neri Law Group to take immediate legal action.