Safety is a Parent's Responsibility

Children learn safety lessons at school. Those lessons can be reinforced or destroyed in minutes by the actions of parents. Encourage your children to cross streets safely at corners, follow established "safe routes to school," and obey all traffic laws. Don't teach disrespect of the law by disobeying parking regulations or telling your child to cross streets at midblock. A few minutes of convenience for a parent can result in a lifetime of suffering for a child.

When you see a safety hazard, report it to your school PATH contact person.

Northeast

Anne Sullivan Calvin Christian Cleveland Eugene Field Faith Christian Laura B. Anderson St. Lambert's Terry Redlin Washington Whittier Middle School

Southwest

Christ the King Christian Center Discovery Edison Middle School Explorer Elementary Grace Bible Academy Jefferson John F. Kennedy Laura Wilder Memorial Middle School O'Gorman Junior High Oscar Howe Roosevelt St. Michael's

Your school contact person is: DTP/A1402.INDD

Northwest

All City Elementary Axtell Park Middle School Empire Baptist Garfield Hawthorne Hayward Jane Addams Lowell St. Joseph Cathedral

Southeast

Cornerstone Good Shepherd Lutheran Harvey Dunn Holy Špirit Horace Mann John Harris Lincoln Longfellow Mark Twain Patrick Henry Middle School Robert Frost Rosa Parks Sioux Falls Christian Middle School/High School Sioux Falls Lutheran St. Marv's

SIOUX FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

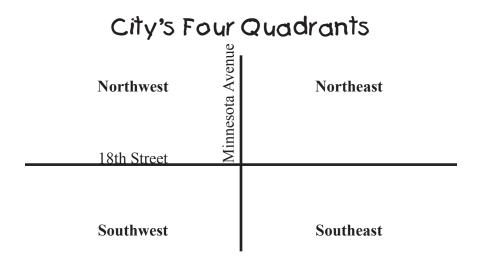


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A public volunteer committee appointed by city government in the interest of student safety at public and private schools. **PATH** (Pedestrians Avoiding Traffic Hazards) is a school traffic safety committee. The duty of the committee is to guide and coordinate activities associated with school traffic safety. Members of this committee are appointed by City government.

PATH is comprised of 17 members. The city is geographically divided into four quadrants. Each quadrant has one public school and one private school representative.



Also on the PATH Committee are representatives from Sioux Falls Police Department, City Engineering Department, Sioux Falls School District, Sioux Falls Catholic Schools, South Dakota Safety Council, Sioux Falls PTA Council, and AAA South Dakota. Guests are welcome at any PATH meeting. The meetings are on the second Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 224 West Ninth Street.

Each school selects a **PATH** contact person from the PTA or other parent organization. The contact person is responsible for relaying all school concerns and questions to the quadrant **PATH** representative.

Do you have a traffic safety concern? Follow these steps:

- Contact your school's PATH person. If your school has no designated PATH contact, see your parent organization president.
- **2.** The school PATH contact person discusses the issue with the school principal. Many issues can be resolved at this level.
- 3. If unresolved, the school PATH contact person will bring the issue to the quadrant PATH representative.
- U. The quadrant PATH representative will present the concern at the city PATH Committee meeting. Investigation and studies may be initiated. The committee will explore the issue.
- 5. Findings will be reported at the next PATH meeting. Corrections will be implemented if warranted. Some concerns require extensive study and discussion. Further study may include safe gap, traffic signal warrant, varicom warrant, radar speed or other study techniques. Police observation and enforcement actions may also be used. In some instances, no action is warranted or necessary.
- 6. The quadrant PATH representative reports findings and actions to the school and individuals involved.

The resolution of traffic safety problems may occur at any of the steps listed above.

If your traffic situation seems urgent or critical, please contact your quadrant PATH representative, the City PTA representative, the Police Department Traffic Section, or the PATH Committee Chairperson.