

CHIEF'S BRIEF

Laguna Niguel Police Services



Hello Laguna Niguel,

I come to you today with another monthly message to provide valuable insights into proactive safety measures and community services, ensuring you and your loved ones remain well-informed and safe.

As summer draws to a close and we begin a new school year, it's crucial that we focus on a few important back-to-school safety tips since there will naturally be an increase in pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles on our roads. First, I encourage all drivers to allocate extra time when traveling to and from their destinations. When driving through school zones, please pay close attention to your surroundings and adhere to the 25-mile-per-hour speed limit. For those that will be dropping off or picking up at school, please follow the safety measures put in place by the school.

I also want to remind you not to text and drive, and to always remember that when a school bus displays flashing red lights, it's a requirement to stop and wait for all students to safely board or disembark. It's crucial that we remain vigilant when driving, especially in areas where school children are present.

To further ensure the safety of all community members, I encourage you to discuss the importance of being aware of their surroundings, with your loved ones. When crossing the street, please take extra caution by not only looking both ways but also making eye contact with drivers before stepping off the curb. It's critical to remain visible, especially near parked vehicles where visibility can be limited. Additionally, if your loved one is biking to school, please emphasize the importance of wearing a helmet and following the rules of the road. This goes for both regular bicyclists and e-bikers. Every small precaution you take can significantly contribute to keeping you and your loved one safe.

To close, I want to assure you that my team and I remain committed to working closely with our community to ensure the safety and security of all residents.

Thank you for your continued partnership and always remember - **stay safe, Laguna Niguel.**

Captain Isaac Flores,
Chief of Laguna Niguel Police Services