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## **Safe Routes Champion Training set for Aug. 29**

**(Lawrence, KS)** — Walking and biking enthusiasts are invited to a Safe Routes Champion Training from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, in Room AB on the second floor of the Community Health Facility, 200 Maine St., Lawrence.

The training, which is sponsored by the Health Department and the Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition, will be led by representatives with the Safe Routes to School National Partnership. The event is free and open to the public, and lunch will be provided.

“The goal of the training is to help participants learn how to empower their schools and neighborhoods to work together to set and achieve goals to keep their students, neighbors and families safe whether they’re walking, biking or rolling to their destination,” Health Promotion Specialist Michael Showalter said.

Local Safe Routes Champions will be instrumental in helping increase the numbers of walkers and bicyclists in Lawrence. Participants will team up based on the school(s) they live near. Teams could consist of parents or neighborhood residents near a school. The training will teach the nuts and bolts of creating and sustaining a team for each neighborhood school in Lawrence.

“We’re fortunate to have leaders with the Safe Routes to School National Partnership here to help neighborhoods and school communities in Douglas County learn how to improve conditions for active transportation and build a network of safe routes for all users,” Showalter said.

For more information or to RSVP, visit [beactivesaferoutes.com/training](http://beactivesaferoutes.com/training), email [saferoutes@ldchealth.org](mailto:saferoutes@ldchealth.org) or call 785-856-5340.

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