



### **Teach your child to cross only at safe places**

Show your child places where they can cross safely such as pedestrian crossings, even if this means having to walk a bit further.

### **Arrange for your child to walk with another child if possible**

It might not always be possible for you to walk your child to school so set up a 'walking buddy' or find out if there is a Walking School Bus near you. A Walking School Bus is a system where several parents take responsibility for walking a group of children to and from school. For further information contact the Department of Transport. The Walking School Bus can provide a smooth and safe transition between no longer walking with your child and walking alone completely.

### **Driveways can be dangerous**

Remind your child that drivers backing out of driveways cannot see very well and don't always think to look for children passing by and sometimes don't even slow down. The same goes for laneways and street corners. Always insist that your child stay alert and not expect drivers to be doing the same.

Teach your the child what to do if a car suddenly comes out of a driveway such as jumping back or stopping and not proceeding any further into the car's path. It might help to use toy cars to explain to your child how to deal safely with traffic situations.

### **Be a good road safety role model**

Unfortunately, adults break a number of road rules every day and children see this and think that it's okay for them to do too. Be open with your children about it and explain that adults shouldn't be doing this either but they get lazy or think that they know better. Also make it clear that adults tend to rely on their height to help them see more than your children can. Explain to your children that adults get injured and killed not doing the right thing when crossing streets, and that it is never a good idea to follow adults who are breaking the rules.



Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.