



Keep your kids safe in traffic

Young children might try to make safe decisions and follow the road rules but because of their age they are often unable to identify dangers. They are also easily distracted and impulsive, and their small size makes it difficult for drivers to see them, especially when reversing a car.



So what can you do to help keep your children safer while out walking? Here are a few tips.

Hold your child's hand

Explain to your child why it is important for children up to 10 years of age to hold an adult's hand when crossing the road. Point out that adults are more familiar with the road rules and can also decide when a situation may be dangerous.

Stop look listen think

Teach your child these simple steps to cross the road.

STOP at least one step back from the kerb or edge of the road.

LOOK in all directions for approaching traffic (left, right, front and back).

LISTEN in all directions for sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK before deciding if it is safe to cross.

Tell your child to keep listening and looking for traffic while crossing the road.

Safe places to cross

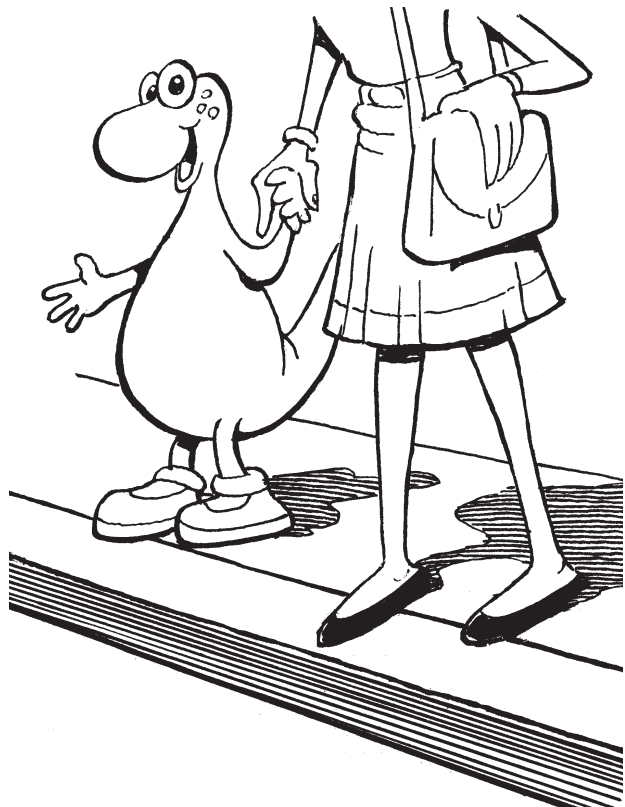
Talk about where it is safer to cross the road such as away from corners and roundabouts, on straight stretches of road and not on a hill, or using a crosswalk or traffic signals with pedestrian lights.

Dangers for pedestrians

Point out some of the dangers that pedestrians need to watch out for. For example, cars coming out of driveways and laneways might not be able to see young children, or cars might not stop at pedestrian crossings.

Let your child know when they are behaving safely

Praise your child when you notice them walking and crossing roads safely.



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