



Keep your kids safe in traffic

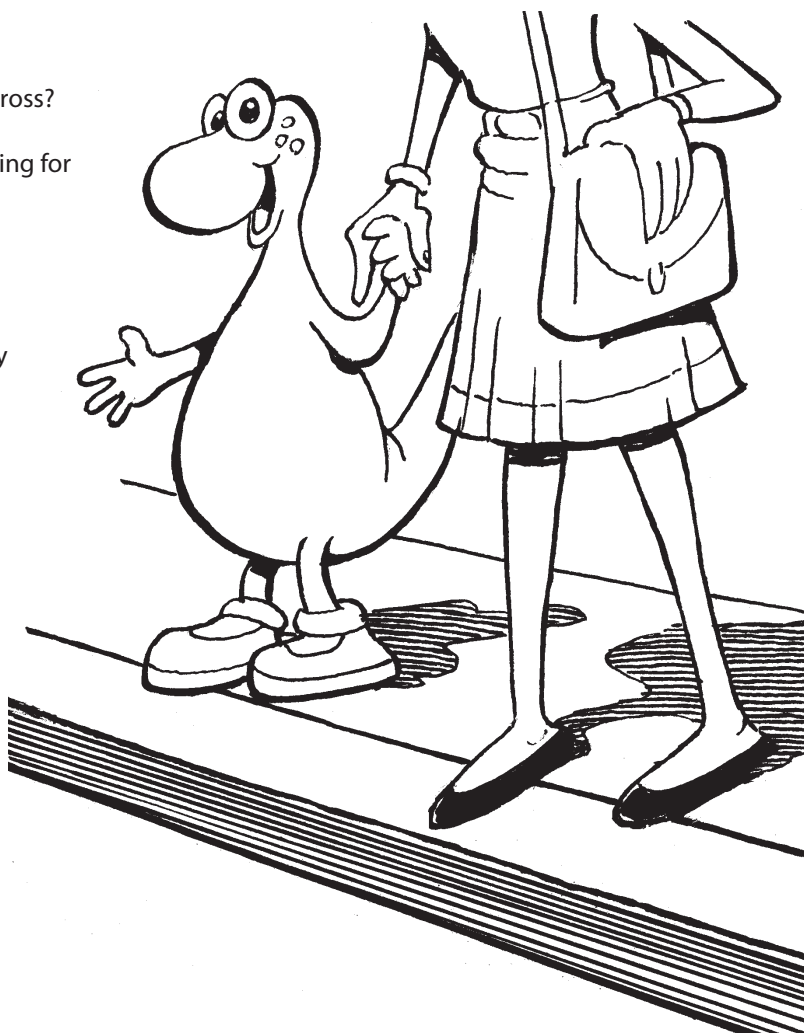
Young children might try to make safe decisions and follow the road rules but because of their age they are often unable to identify the dangers when walking in and around traffic.

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 why it is important for children up to 10 years of age to hold an adult's hand when walking near traffic and while crossing the road. Point out that adults are more familiar with the road rules and can also decide when a situation is dangerous.
- **Teach your child how to cross the road**
 1. **STOP** at least one step back from the kerb or edge of the road.
 2. **LOOK** in all directions for approaching traffic (left, right, front and back).
 3. **LISTEN** in all directions for sounds of approaching traffic.
 4. **THINK** before deciding if it is safe to cross?
- **Talk about the dangers**
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.

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

- **Show your child how to find a safe place to cross the road**
Talk about where it is safer to cross the road – on straight stretches of road, away from corners and roundabouts, not on a hill, and at a crosswalk or traffic signals with pedestrian lights.



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