## **Kids crossing roads**

Young children are not able to make decisions to cross roads safely on their own. They need an adult to hold their hand and watch them.



## Hold your child's hand

Until your child is at least 10 years old, hold their hand when crossing the road.

Sometimes it might not be possible to hold your child's hand if you are carrying shopping bags or wheeling a pram. Tell your child to stay close and hold onto your clothing or the pram.

## Teach your child to stop, look, listen and think before crossing the road

- 1. **Stop** back from the kerb or road.
- 2. Look in all directions (left, right, front and back) for approaching traffic.
- 3. Listen in all directions for sounds of approaching traffic.
- Think is it safe to cross? Tell your child to keep listening and looking for traffic as you cross the road.



## **Find places to cross safely** Show your child the best places to cross the road between your home and school.

If you drop off or pick your child up from the school bus, park your car on the same side of the road as the bus stop. This way they do not have to cross the road.



