



# Kids crossing roads

Young children are not able to make decisions to cross roads safely on their own. Adults need to supervise and teach children how to be a safe pedestrian.



- If you are driving to school, park the car safely and legally, get out of the car and walk your child to the school gate. After school, meet your child at the school gate.
- If your child comes home on the school bus, meet them at the bus stop and walk home together.
- If you pick your child up from the school bus stop, park your car on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Talk about what your child should do if you are late at pick up time.
- Until your child is at least 10 years old, hold their hand on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road.
- Explain that your child should hold your hand until the crossing task is safely completed and you are walking on the footpath or other side of the road.
- Ask your child to suggest what else they could hold onto if an adult's hands were already full eg when carrying shopping bags or wheeling a pram.

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

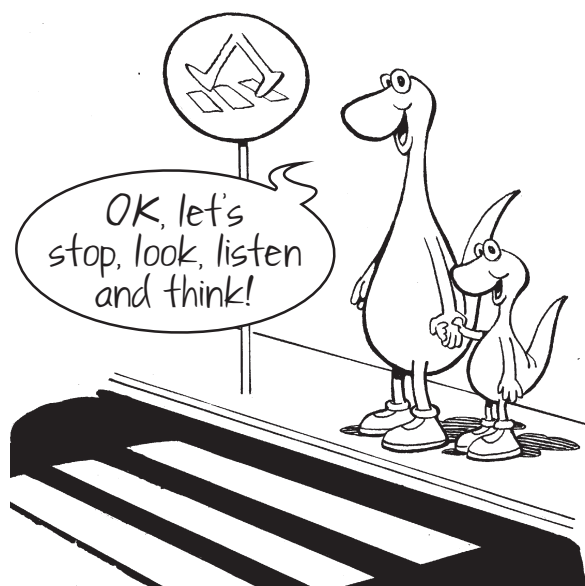
**Stop** – back from the kerb or road.

**Look** – in all directions (left, right, front and back) for approaching traffic.

**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.

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