



# Pedestrian road rules

As your child becomes more independent and starts to walk to school and other locations, it is important they understand the road rules.

## Intersections without traffic lights

Drivers are required by law to give way to pedestrians crossing the road the vehicle is turning into. Make sure your child knows to always check that vehicles have seen them before continuing with their crossing – not all vehicles follow this rule.

## Driveways and laneways

Vehicles entering or exiting a driveway must give way to any pedestrians on the footpath. Tell your child to always check driveways and laneways before crossing.

## Pedestrian crossing signals

A pedestrian has the right of way until the 'red man' has stopped flashing and is solid. Teach your child how to cross at pedestrian crossing signals.

**Walk signal** – cross with care.

**Clearance 'flashing signal'** – finish crossing but do not start.

**Don't walk signal** – do not cross.



## Crosswalks and children crossings

Vehicles must give way to pedestrians using a crosswalk. Teach your child to use the **stop, look, listen** and **think** procedure to cross. Remind your child to continue checking the traffic as some vehicles do not always stop.



## Railway level crossings

Like any other pedestrian crossing, when using a pedestrian crossing on the rail line, you have to obey the safety signs.

1. Stop and wait when the red lights are flashing and the automatic gates are starting to close.
2. Never walk around the gates, as the train will be close and there could be a second train approaching.
3. Never push open or jump over fences, gates or barriers. Even if one train has passed, there are two train lines and one could be coming from the opposite direction.
4. Once the red lights and warning sounds have stopped and the gates have opened, it is safe to cross the train lines.

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