



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 signals

Drivers are required by law to give way to pedestrians crossing the road that 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 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 'don't walk' signal 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

Pedestrians, crosswalks and traffic lights

The law says if you are within 20 metres of a crosswalk or traffic light you must use it to cross the road.



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 at crosswalks.



Jaywalking

The law says you must cross by the shortest safe route and not stay on the road longer than needed to cross safely.

Railway crossings

A pedestrian cannot cross a railway line at a level crossing if there is a path, bridge or other structure designed for the use of pedestrians within 20 metres of the crossing.

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