

Walk safely



ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

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Always hold your children's hands – when walking on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road – until they are at least 8 years old.

When your children are between 8 and 10 years old, supervise them very closely when they are near traffic and crossing the road.

When you decide to let your children over 10 years old walk to and from school by themselves, plan the journey together. Practise being a safe pedestrian by:

- keeping to the left of the footpath
- being aware of vehicles coming in and out of driveways
- not being distracted by mobile devices or by other people
- using a safe, alternative way home in wet weather
- showing respect to other pedestrians.

STOP! one step back from the kerb. **LOOK!** continuously look both ways. **LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic. **THINK!** is it safe to cross?

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at https://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit https://education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

Encourage your children:

- to always use a safe place to cross the road such as a pedestrian crossing, traffic lights or a school crossing, if available
- to check for turning vehicles before they cross the road and driveways
- never to assume that a driver can see them or will stop for them
- to make eye contact with a driver so they know the driver has seen them
- to wait till the driver has completely stopped their vehicle before they cross the road or driveway.

