

# Road safety

## Helping your child around buses

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. Here are some ways you can reduce this risk:

- Wait at the bus stop and stand at least one step back from the edge of the road.
- Always meet your child at the bus stop. Never meet them on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- If you cannot meet your child, organise for another trusted adult to take your place.
- Wait until the bus has gone, then choose a safe place to cross the road. Remember to hold your child's hand and to **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!**
- Remember that until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand on the footpath and when crossing the road. Then, up until they are at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.



### Key road safety messages to share with your child in Kindergarten to Year 2

Hold a grown up's hand when:

- you cross the road
- you're on the footpath
- you're in a car park

### Key road safety messages to share with your child in Years 3 and 4

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road (until at least 10)
- Use a safe place to cross the road

### Key road safety messages to share with your child in Years 5 and 6

- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

### Key road safety messages to share with your child in Kindergarten to Year 6

- Wait until the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environment visit the families section on [safetytown.com.au](https://safetytown.com.au)