

Road safety

Hold your child's hand

Your child may be easily distracted and too small to be seen by drivers. They are still developing skills that help them to predict or identify dangers and may tend to act impulsively.

An adult should always be responsible for your child's safety when out and about.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath. It's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Then, up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, and hold their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

At the end of the school day, your child may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on what is happening around them. Help keep them safe by meeting your child at the school gate. Never call them across the road.

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



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environment visit the families section on safetytown.com.au



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 to 6

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road (until at least 10)
- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across