

Pedestrian Safety

When crossing streets children are at risk of being hit by motorists. Teaching pedestrian safety to children can prevent unnecessary accidents.

On average, children are not ready to independently cross busy streets until age 10. Professionals recommend that all school age children receive basic instructions on where and how to best cross the street.

Discuss these basic safety tips with your child:

1. Before crossing a road always look left-right-left for moving motor vehicles and continue to look left-right-left as you are crossing.
2. Walk, don't run, across the street.
3. Avoid crossing streets in between two parked cars, if possible.
4. When traffic signals indicate it's time to cross, look left-right-left for motor vehicles before crossing.
5. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road - facing traffic.
6. Be aware of motor vehicles turning or pulling out of side streets and driveways.
7. Wear light-colored clothing during the day; at night, wear retro-reflective gear and/or carry a flashlight.
8. Walk in pairs when possible.
9. Tell an adult where you are going and when you will return.