



Pedestrian Safety Tips for Parents and Children

Always emphasize these basic pedestrian safety behaviours. And remember, children copy what they watch parents and other adults doing, so always be a safe role model.

- **Walk on the inside edge of the sidewalk**, away from the curb or roadway so you are less exposed to vehicles.
- **If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic** so that oncoming vehicles are visible.
- **Stay away from the road edge or curb** while waiting at an intersection to cross the road. Take one giant step back to ensure you are well away from vehicles turning the corner.
- **Dress to be seen.** Wear bright clothing in order to be better visible to drivers to ensure being seen by them.

- **Steps to crossing safely:**
 - o **Stop** at the curb.
 - o **Look** all directions, left-right-left and over your shoulder for vehicles that may be turning. Keep looking for approaching vehicles as you cross.
 - o **Listen** for approaching vehicles that aren't visible but could be coming from a driveway, around a corner or over a hill.
 - o **Make eye contact** with drivers so *you* know they see you and *they* know you see them. Pedestrians often think that if they can see the driver, the driver can see them.
 - o **Check** that vehicles have stopped before stepping off a curb or road.
 - o **Obey all traffic signs**
 - o **Look both ways** while crossing, and **watch and wait** before entering the next lane of traffic to ensure that all cars have stopped.
 - o **Walk, do not run** across a street, driveway or lane.

- **Don't wear headphones** when crossing the street; you won't be able to hear signs of danger.
- **Don't jaywalk or cross diagonally.** Cross at intersections or crosswalks.
- **Parked vehicles can be dangerous.** An approaching driver may not see you behind a parked vehicle, and you may not be able to see moving vehicles. Stop, look left-right-left around a parked car before crossing.
- **Parking lots require special attention.** Vehicles can move without warning.

- **Rules for railway crossings:**
 - o **Don't play around railway crossings.** These are danger zones.
 - o **Trains have the right of way.** They do not slow down at crossings like vehicles do. Use designated railway crossings and obey all signals and signs.
 - o **Wait until the train passes completely before crossing the tracks.** Watch for more than one train and check if a train is coming from the opposite direction.
 - o **Look left-right-left before crossing.** Watch be careful when crossing railway tracks.

