

The Safe Cross Code

1. Always look for a safe place to cross
2. Don't hurry! Always STOP and WAIT!
3. LOOK all around before you cross the road.
4. LISTEN for any traffic.
5. If traffic is coming, let it pass. Then look around again.
6. When there is no traffic, walk straight across the road.
7. Look and listen for traffic while you cross



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Getting to School Road Safety Tips

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Be Safe! - Be Seen!

Walking to School

- Choose a safe route to school, and hold your child's hand at all times
- Teach your child the Safe Cross Code (overleaf)
- Choose a safe place to cross the road— cross with your School Warden if there is one available, or use zebra or pedestrian crossings
- Never allow your child to cross between parked cars. This is extremely dangerous as motorists cannot see your child
- Wear reflective arm-bands and hi-vis vests

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Driving your child to School

If you have to drive your child to school, and walking, cycling or public transport are not an option—REMEMBER:

- **Slow Down:** Most speed limits have reduced around school zones.
- Take extra care to look out for children walking to school, they can be unpredictable and easily distracted.
- Leave a bit earlier in the mornings to avoid rushing or driving dangerously in order to arrive on time.
- Be extra vigilant when turning left; ensure you check mirrors in case a cyclist coming up the inside of your car.
- **Eliminate Distractions :** Be conscious and avoid distractions with your mobile phone while driving, a two second distraction could be all the difference

Cycling

- Make sure you / your child is highly visible by wearing reflective clothing
- Always wear protective head gear
- Check the bicycle is a suitable size, and all brakes, lights, reflectors, tyres and bell are all in good working order
- Remember! All cyclists must adhere to Rules of the Road.
- Use dedicated cycle tracks where available, and **always** stop at red lights

