

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WITH CHILDREN

Kids need a hand in traffic

Pedestrian injury is a leading cause of child injury in Australia.

Why do kids need a hand in traffic?

- Young children are unpredictable and their physical size along with their developing abilities to recognise danger make them a high risk around traffic.
- Children may say they can look after themselves but they do not fully understand the dangers and risks involved.
- Children cannot judge speed or distance of oncoming cars or where traffic sounds are coming from.
- Children think about things that are important to them and forget about looking for cars.



How can parents and adult carers give children a hand in traffic?

- Hold hands with children when crossing the road and when walking near roads, until they are at least 8 years old. Closely supervise them until they are at least 10 years old.
- If your hands are full, make children hold onto a pram, stroller, bag, trolley or your clothing.
- Talk to children about road safety - next time you walk down the street or through a car park, take their hand, talk to them about why you are stopping and what you are looking and listening for.
- Explain to them where it is safe to cross and why.

Set a good example - children look to adults for what to do. Be safe around traffic.

Help children to be safer pedestrians.

Please drive carefully around children. A safety message from:


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