

Walking to school safely

Never too old to be safe

Pedestrians and drivers have a shared responsibility on and near roads and need to look after each other.

Staying safe while out walking:

- plan your walking routes
- avoid busy roads, if possible
- choose the safest place to cross
- walk the extra distance to use a pedestrian crossing, traffic island, pedestrian lights or overhead bridge, if available
- walk on the far right hand side of the road facing oncoming traffic, when there is no footpath.

Before you cross the road:

- unplug your earphones and put away your phone
- avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses and large vehicles
- at intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the kerb
- look out before you step out.

Using pedestrian crossings

- stop at the kerb until cars have completely stopped, as drivers don't always see you
- try and make eye contact with the driver before you cross, so you know they have seen you
- wait for the walk signal
- don't enter the road if the red 'Don't walk' signal shows
- when safe, promptly walk across the road, continually scanning and listening for oncoming traffic.

Walking with friends

Help keep yourself and your friends safe by:

- focusing on your surroundings
- acting safely on and near roads.

More information

<http://bit.ly/2GEYH6F>

