

Pedestrian Safety

Before you cross the road:

1. **Stop** and take one step back from the kerb and concentrate on what's happening around you;
2. **Look** both ways for moving cars. Make your own decision - just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you;
3. **Listen** for approaching traffic from all directions. Never assume that an approaching car driver can see you, or will stop for you;
4. **Think** "Is it safe to cross the road?" Always check for turning or moving vehicles before you leave the kerb, even if you have the green signal to walk.

Walk straight across the road.
Keep **LOOKING** and **LISTENING** for traffic while crossing.

Safer places to cross the road:

1. Traffic lights.



Stop at the kerb when the pedestrian signal is red.



Cross only when the pedestrian signal is green.



When the pedestrian signal is flashing red, finish crossing the road. Do not begin to cross the road.

2. Marked zebra crossings

Stop at the kerb and give drivers plenty of time to see you, slow down and stop for you to cross.



3. Pedestrian refuges

Pedestrian refuges are installed on busy or wide roads to help pedestrians cross in two stages.





- Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. When in use, red flags displaying the words CHILDREN CROSSING are used. Outside from these times, the area is not a pedestrian crossing.

Pedestrian safety tips

- Do not use mobile phones or music devices when crossing the road.
- Do not cross between parked cars or at the front or back of buses and large vehicles.
- Wear bright or light coloured clothing at night or in reduced visibility conditions.

Shared spaces

As a pedestrian make sure you:

- Keep to the left and walk in a straight line.
- Move off the path to the left if you wish to stop.



Walking with children

You can help children develop pedestrian safety skills and road safety skills by giving them plenty of practice around real roads – for example, by walking with children to and from child care or school, around the block or to the local park or shops.

- Start talking about road safety while your child is still in a pram and continue talking about road safety as they grow. For example, 'Uh oh, car coming. Better wait until it's gone before we cross'.
- Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult's hand in a car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Always cross at pedestrian crossings or corners. To help your child understand about when and where it's safe to cross, explain what you're doing.
- Stop at driveways and check there are no cars reversing or entering.

As you walk together or when you're near roads, you can ask your children simple questions to get them thinking about pedestrian and road safety:

- Where is the safest place to cross this road?
- What do we need to do before we cross the road together?
- Why do we hold hands to cross the road together?
- When is it safe to cross the road?
- What do we look for when crossing the road?
- What sounds are we listening for when we cross the road?

For more information or to download a copy of the brochure, visit the website: www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/RoadSafety



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Rules and guidelines to help you cross the road safely.

