**Back to school safety** tips for parents and carers

**Your child’s safety depends on you**

**Drop off and pick up by car**
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.

Look out for buses pulling out – watch for **wig wag lights**.

Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid **dangerous manoeuvres** like U-turns and three-point turns.

Always **give way to pedestrians** particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop the kids off and pick up on the **school side of the road** in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road can be dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.

It’s safest for the kids to get out of the car on the **kerb side of the road** to be away from passing traffic.

**Walking together to and from school**
Plan your trip to school so you are using pedestrian crossing areas where possible.

Always **hold your child’s hand** up until the age of eight. Young children need your help to spot danger like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk to your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb.
- **Look** for traffic to your right left and right again.
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic.
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these **safe pedestrian habits** from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

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