



Child Pedestrian Safety Q & A SHEET

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HOW DO I KEEP MY CHILD SAFE IN AND AROUND TRAFFIC?

Kids grow up quickly, and constantly surprise us with what they can do.

However, they are not ready to be left alone around traffic until they are at least 10 years old.

The following questions and answers provide a guideline for keeping your child safe in and around traffic.

Is my child safe if I can see him using roads close to home?

Kids need to be actively supervised in and around traffic. Hold hands with your children when crossing the road, including roads close to home, until they are at least 10 years old.

Is my child old enough to make safe road decisions because she is now going to school?

Kids grow up quickly, but it is important not to overestimate what they can do. Children are not ready to be left alone around traffic until they are at least 10 years old.

Is my child safe on the road if he is with his older brother or sister?

It is a big responsibility to keep children safe. The safest person to accompany children on the road is a parent or adult carer.

Is it okay for my child to cross the road at pedestrian crossings and traffic lights by themselves?

Unfortunately, cars do not always stop for pedestrians. Kids need a hand whenever cars may be around. This includes at pedestrian crossings and traffic lights.

Is it enough that my child is taught road safety at school?

In addition to school lessons, children look to you to learn more about how to use the road safely. When you are walking in and around traffic, talk with your children about why you stop before crossing a road and what you are looking and listening for. Explain to them where it is safer to cross and why.

