



WHY do kids need a hand in 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.

This is because:

- kids often say they can look after themselves, but do not understand the dangers and risks involved.
- kids can be unpredictable and difficult for drivers to see.
- kids may have difficulty knowing where traffic sounds are coming from, even when they do remember to listen.
- kids cannot judge the speed or distance of oncoming cars.
- kids think about things that are important to them and forget all about looking for cars.

Do you need a hand?

- Contact Kidsafe NSW (02) 9845 0890
- Visit the website www.kidsafensw.org
- For further information about child road safety, ask your child's teacher about the *Move Ahead With Street Sense* resource.

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WHERE do kids need a hand in traffic?

It only takes one moving car to present a danger.

Kids need a hand wherever it is possible a car may be moving.

This includes:

- Busy streets
- Traffic lights
- Quiet streets
- Residential areas
- Footpaths
- Car parks
- Pedestrian crossings
- Driveways
- Roundabouts
- Local streets
- Shopping centres
- Around schools.



HOW can parents and adult carers give kids a hand in traffic?

We know that your children's safety is very important to you.

Here are a few tips to keep them safer.



Hold hands

- Kids need to be actively supervised in and around traffic. Hold hands with your children when crossing the road, until they are at least 10 years old.
- If your hands are full, make sure your children hold onto a trolley or pram, your bag or even your arm or sleeve.

Set a good example

- Kids are always watching - they want to be just like adults - make sure you always set a good example.

Talk with your kids about traffic and roads

- As you are walking, talk with your children about why you are stopping, and what you are looking and listening for. Explain to them where it is safer to cross and why.