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[Term 3 Primary Road Safety 2024 Newsletter](#)

What is included in the newsletter this term?

- Transport NSW Towards Zero Collaboration Hub
- Transport NSW Road Safety Events Schedule 2024
- How to order FREE road Safety Resources
- Snap, Send, Solve
- Safety Town and cross curricular opportunities
- Which car restraint is best for my child and the 5 step test
- Key Road Safety messages
- Helmet Safety - How Safe is your helmet?
- Why are helmets important?

Transport for NSW has launched the Towards Zero Collaboration Hub, consolidating road safety information, data access and resources into a single, accessible platform.

The Hub will build road safety knowledge and empower local councils, community organisations and other road safety stakeholders to work together and share strategies to help prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

The Towards Zero Collaboration Hub is now live at: collaborationhub.towardszero.nsw.gov.au



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

Transport NSW - Road Safety Events Schedule 2024. Please use this live link to see upcoming road safety events for this year.

<https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-12/2024%20Road%20Safety%20Events%20Calendar.pdf>

Term 3	School Zones are active during this time. http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/staying-safe/schools/flashinglights/index.html	22 July to 27 September
Rail Safety Week	Rail Safety Week is an annual community awareness week held in Australia and New Zealand designed to engage the community in safe rail practices. https://tracksafefoundation.com.au/event/rail-safety-week/	5 to 11 August
Rural Road Safety Month	Rural Road Safety Month is a national awareness campaign targeting regional and rural road safety.	September

Did you know you can order **FREE** road safety resources for your school through Transport NSW? Including Kindergarten Orientation Library bags

Use the link below.

<https://shout.finsbury.com.au/ustore/67/Home>

Click on **PRODUCTS** then **School Use Only**



Reporting local issues just got easier

The easy and efficient way to notify local councils, utilities or other authorities of issues that need addressing in your community.

How does the APP work? Spotted an issue in your community like graffiti, illegal parking, dumped rubbish, trip hazards or abandoned trolleys? Time to get Snapping!

Cost? FREE - Snap Send Solve is the free app that simplifies the reporting of community issues across Australia and New Zealand.

We've made reporting quick and easy which means when you see an issue while you're out, you can let the responsible authority know with only a few taps. Become a community legend and download Snap Send Solve today. Simply download the app from the App store or google play store <https://www.snapsendsolve.com/>

Snap Send Solve

Safety Town

Safety Town is a **road safety education resource for teachers, students and families**. It provides a variety of interactive learning activities for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Teachers are provided with comprehensive teaching notes to support the use of the interactive activities, and support learning as part of PDHPE, English, Science and Mathematics.



www.safetytown.com.au

Safety Town - Maths Fun

Cross curricular opportunities Mathematics – Outcome MA3-17MG.

<https://www.safetytown.com.au/archive/what-happens-our-roads/#what-happens-on-our-roads>

Car Seat Rules in NSW

The driver is responsible for children under seven years being secured by an approved child restraint suitable for their age and size.

Suitable Child Car Restraint

Children aged between four and seven years must use a forward-facing child car seat with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat.

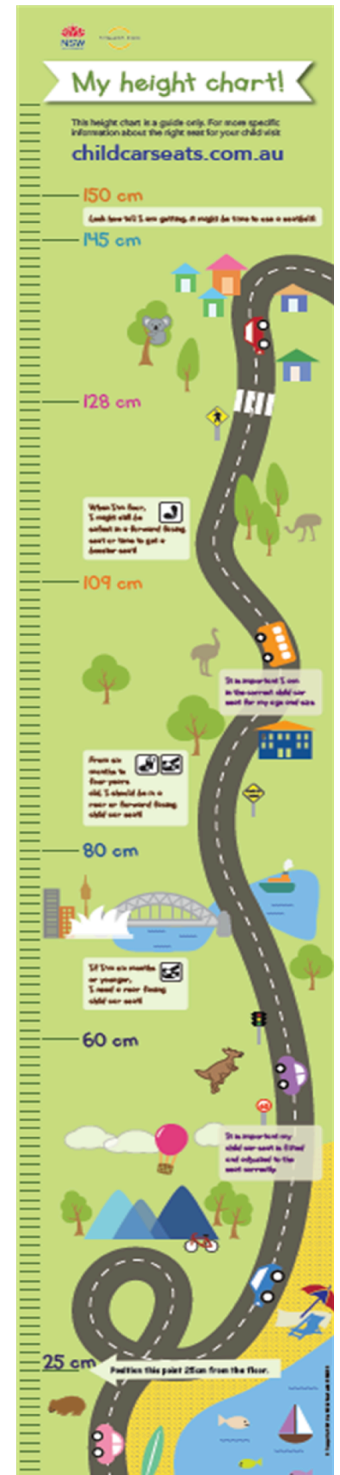
Children aged seven years and over who are too small to use a seatbelt should use an approved booster seat or an anchored safety harness. The suggested minimum height for using a seatbelt is 145 cm or taller.

Which car restraint is best for my child?

https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Safety_Child_car_seats/

“5 Step Test”

<https://kidsafe.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Restraint-guidelines-brochure.pdf>



Key Road Safety messages

Early childhood	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Kindergarten - Year 2)	Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)	Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
Pedestrian safety			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always hold a grown-up's hand • When a grown-up's hand is not available, hold a pram, bag or clothes • Always cross the road with a grown-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a grown-up's hand when you cross the road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stop! Look! Listen! Think!</i> every time you cross the road 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a grown-up's hand when you're on the footpath • Hold a grown-up's hand when you're in a car park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a safe place to cross the road 	
Passenger safety			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always buckle up safely • Always stay buckled up - awake or asleep • Always get in and out of the 'Safety Door' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click, clack, front and back • Always buckle up safely • Get in and out of the car on the footpath side • Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road 		
Safety on wheels			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always wear your helmet when riding your bike or wheeled toy • Always ask a grown-up where it is safe for you to play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride your bike away from busy roads
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride your bike away from the road 		

Helmet Safety -

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders/helmet-star>

Helmet STAR - Safety Testing and Assessment Ratings

In NSW, bicycle riders must wear an approved helmet that is correctly fitted and fastened. Helmet STAR can help you choose the safest helmet.

All bicycle helmets sold in Australia must comply with an approved [Australian or overseas standard](#) for bicycle helmets. Helmet STAR awards a star rating

from 1 to 5 based on how well they protect a rider's head in a crash.

Helmets rated 5 stars are exceptional in crash protection and exceed the recognised helmet standard.

Helmets rated 1 star meet the crash protection required of a recognised standard.



Why are helmets important?

Helmets are designed to cushion and protect your head from the impact of a crash. Wearing a helmet reduces the chance of suffering a preventable brain injury. Research shows bicycle helmets can reduce head injuries by about 70% and reduce fatal head injuries by 65%.

Road safety



Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads