

# Safe to school



## How to drop off and pick up children safely

### Supervise children in or near traffic

The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic, in everyday situations. Until children are about 10 or 11 years of age they do not have the necessary skills and physical abilities to be safe on their own so providing supervised practice is important.

#### What you can do

<b>Walk or cycle to school with your child.</b>	Take the healthy option. If walking from your home to school is difficult, then consider parking a few streets away and walking the rest of the way. Children under the age of 12 are allowed to ride on footpaths and so can adults riding with them.
<b>Respect the road rules and parking signs.</b>	It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.</li><li>• Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.</li></ul>
<b>Wait on the same side of the road as your child.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.</li><li>• If picking up your child from the bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus.</li></ul> If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors. The safest doors are kerbside doors, away from traffic.
<b>Develop a safe to school strategy.</b>	Participate in the development of a safe drop off and pick up strategy for your school.

Raise this issue with your school council and participate in the development of a 'safe to school' strategy. Visit [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education) for more information.

## Obey these signs

### Speed limit signs



All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.

### Children crossing



When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor on duty.

### No parking



Often located in designated school drop off and pick up areas. The driver must remain with the vehicle at all times.

### No stopping



No stopping zones cannot be used at any time for stopping, parking, dropping off or picking up students/passengers. These zones can also be marked by yellow lines.

### Bus zone



Bus zones are for public or private bus use only. The driver of a private vehicle is not allowed to stop in a bus zone at any time. Take extra care and be on the lookout near school bus stops as children may be trying to cross the road nearby.

For further information visit [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education)



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