

# Street Scene

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**Parents and carers are role models - is someone watching you?**

## Traffic Safety Education for Primary Schools

RACV helps to teach children about road safety through the Street Scene program by providing qualified and specifically trained teachers to visit schools.

These Traffic Safety Educators assist with classroom activities and in planning traffic safety education programs. As part of the RACV Street Scene program your child has taken part in a traffic safety session with their class.

Beyond the classroom, children often look to celebrities and sporting heroes as their role models, but when it comes to traffic safety the example set by parents and carers is vital.

Your behaviour as a road user can shape your child's behaviour now and in later years (and you know they're watching!).

## Tips for being a traffic safety role model

- 1 Practice safe crossing methods – use pedestrian crossings when available, wait for the signal to cross at traffic lights, cross only when it is safe to do so and hold hands with children.
- 2 Make it a rule to always put on your seat belt before driving off no matter how far you are going and drive safely.
- 3 Take care when using public transport, particularly if crossing roads while getting on and off buses and trams.
- 4 Wear a helmet and bright coloured clothing when riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades.
- 5 Take care when dropping your child off at school or picking them up. Use the school crossing and park only where it is permitted.



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## STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK

Help your child learn how to cross the road safely and use pedestrian crossings when they are available. When using roads children up to about the age of 10 should be with an adult and younger children should always hold hands with an adult when crossing roads.

## Activities for when out walking



Reinforce that your child should always choose a safe place to cross and then:



**STOP**  
one step  
back from  
the kerb



**LOOK**  
for approaching  
traffic in all  
directions



**LISTEN**  
for  
approaching  
traffic



**THINK**  
about  
whether it is  
safe to cross

## Planned walks

While out walking - help your child to make decisions about where to walk, where to cross and when to cross. Have them explain their reasons (remember to look for opportunities to give positive feedback).

## Spot the sign

Use the opportunity while out walking to look for different road signs and discuss with your child what each sign means.

## Talk about Traffic Safety

Use the opportunity while driving to and from school to talk about why it is important for everyone to always wear a seat belt, and why it is safer for children to be in the back seat and use the kerbside or 'safety' door when getting in and out of the car.

## Running commentary

Talk about what is happening during the journey such as what other road users are doing, what hazards/dangers there are and what road rules apply. This will help your child to develop their skills in spotting hazards in the road environment.

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## Activities for when in the car



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