

Active Transportation for life!

**It's never too early to
teach road safety!**

Your child will become a safe, confident, and independent pedestrian through your repeated coaching. The earlier you start, the more likely your child will be equipped to walk on their own at an earlier age.



The walk to school or your bus stop is a perfect opportunity for daily practice and modeling.

Ages 4-6 Children this age tend to be impulsive, have limited judgement, have difficulty gauging traffic speeds and are easily distracted.

Ask them to:

- Stop at the end of sidewalks and before driveways
- Wait for an adult to cross

Model and explain to them:

- Stop, look, and listen
- The meaning of traffic signs
- Find the safest crossing point

Ages 7-10 Children this age may identify safe crossing sites and speed of traffic with help, and may stay focused while crossing.

Ask them to:

- Identify safe crossing points before crossing together
- Stop and look to identify safe crossing times based on gaps in traffic
- Explain traffic signs to you

Model and explain to them:

- More complex crossing points (eg pedestrian crossovers, multi-lane intersections)
- Impact of curves in the road, shrubbery and other obstacles

Ages 10+ Children this age may consistently identify safe gaps and safe crossing points, and may safely choose when to cross.

Ask them to:

- Assess more complex crossing points
- Model good skills for younger children

Model and explain to them:

- Safe vs. unsafe mid-block crossing
- Avoid crossing between parked cars and on curves