



## IN THE CAR

- Always buckle up
- Use the correct child seat
- Never park on zig-zag lines or close to a road junction near school
- Watch for children when reversing and pulling out of a parked position

## BIKES & SCOOTERS

- Always wear a helmet
- Ride slowly near school gates
- Dismount and walk your bike or scooter on crowded pavements and when crossing the road
- Check for driveways and parked cars before passing
- Pay attention to road safety signs



## PARENTS SET THE EXAMPLE

- Cross at safe places, using a pedestrian crossing where possible
- Avoid distractions (like phones) when walking or driving
- Teach children to **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** along with the Green Cross Code



**SAFE  
ROAD USE**  
*at school drop off and pick up*

**AGE 0-4** When your child first starts to walk, talk to them about how they must always hold hands with a grown-up that they know, walking on the side of the pavement furthest away from traffic. Even at a very early age, you can explain how zebra and pedestrian crossings work. You can make pressing the button and waiting for the green man into a game.

Talk about bright and dull colours and which are best seen in the dark or dreary weather.

### Key messages

- ▶ Difference between footpath and the road
- ▶ How to walk with a grown-up who they know and hold hands near the road
- ▶ Introduce Stop, Look, Listen and Think
- ▶ Introduce safer crossing places
- ▶ Be bright, be seen



## WALKING SAFELY

Use pedestrian crossings and wait for the green man at lights.

Remove hoods and earphones when crossing the road.

## AGE 5-6

**Stop:** When you approach a crossing, STOP before you come to the edge of the pavement

**Look:** Look for cars, bikes, lorries and other vehicles by looking right, left and right again

**Listen:** Listen for vehicles too. You may be able to hear them before you see them

**Think:** Is there enough time for you to cross the road safely?

## AGE 7+

### Learn The Green Cross Code

#### Find a safe place to cross:

- ▶ Use a pedestrian crossing if there is one
- ▶ Choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions
- ▶ If an obstacle is blocking your view of the road, choose a better place to cross!

#### Stop just before you get to the kerb:

- ▶ Do not stand on the kerb
- ▶ If there is no pavement, stand at the edge of the road

#### Look all around for traffic and listen:

- ▶ Traffic can come from any direction

- ▶ Sometimes you can hear traffic before you see it
- ▶ If you see or hear an emergency vehicle in the distance, let it pass

#### If traffic is coming, let it pass:

- ▶ Never run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic
- ▶ Be aware that traffic may speed up

#### When it is safe, go straight across the road and do not run:

- ▶ Continue to look and listen as you cross
- ▶ Look out for cyclists and quieter vehicles, you may not hear them approaching
- ▶ Walk straight across the road

## BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN:

Wear bright or reflective clothing  
Reflective strips help in the dark mornings and afternoons in winter; fluorescent colours help in daylight