

A road to child safety

Safe Play

Children need a SAFE PLACE TO PLAY, such as a backyard, fenced park or recreational area.

They should always be ACTIVELY SUPERVISED by an adult.



Driveway Safety

Small children can move surprisingly quickly and can be impossible to see from inside a car, especially if they are immediately behind it.

ALWAYS SUPERVISE children whenever a vehicle is to be moved - hold their hands or hold them close to keep them safe.



Passenger Safety

Whenever children are in a car they should be buckled-up in CHILD RESTRAINTS that are correct for each child's size and weight.

For more information on the correct restraint for your child call the RTA HOTLINE on 1800 042 865.

Check all restraints have the  AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS mark and that second-hand restraints are not damaged in any way. It is

recommended that all restraints are properly fitted and checked by an Authorised Restraint Fitter.

If possible, place children in the BACK SEAT of the car and encourage them to use the 'safety door' which is closest to the footpath (and away from the road).



Pedestrian Safety

HOLD HANDS with children in and around traffic, until they are at least 10 years old. If your hands are full, make sure children hold onto a trolley or pram, a bag, or even your arm or sleeve.

Kids are always watching - they want to be just like adults - so make sure you SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.


While walking, TALK WITH CHILDREN about why it is necessary to stop, and what you need to look and listen for: Explain where it is safer to cross and why.

Remember that WHEREVER A CAR MAY BE MOVING CAN BE DANGEROUS. This includes quiet and busy streets, traffic lights and roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, footpaths, driveways, car parks, and around schools.



Bicycle Safety & Small Wheels

A young child's skull is soft and easily injured from a collision or fall.

Whenever children are riding wheeled toys or bicycles, it is important that they are wearing a correctly fitted and  AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS approved HELMET.

This is an ADULT'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Young children who wear helmets from the moment they start riding their first wheeled toy are more likely to continue the helmet wearing habit.



Parked Cars

Parked cars can heat up very quickly, even with windows wound down, and older children can touch controls and may set the vehicle in motion.

ALWAYS TAKE CHILDREN WITH YOU; leaving them alone in cars, even for a short period, is illegal and dangerous.



For more information

Any questions? Please ask Kidsafe staff or see our selection of brochures.
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