

Safe to school

How to drop off and pick up children safely



What you can do

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.

Walk or cycle to school with your child.

Take the healthy option. If you can't walk the whole way, 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.

Respect the road rules and parking signs.

It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children.

- Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.
- Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.

Wait on the same side of the road as your child.

- Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.
- If picking up your child from the bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus.

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors and ensure your child is using a booster seat or correctly adjusted seatbelt.

The safest doors are kerbside doors, away from traffic. For information about Victoria's child restraint road rules, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestrains

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 vicroads.vic.gov.au/safetoschool for more information.



Obey these signs



40km/h sign

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.



No parking

If there is a 'no parking' sign, you can stop for 2 minutes in that area:

- if you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods
- you stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



Bus zone

Take extra care and be on the lookout near school bus stops as children may be trying to cross the road nearby.



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