



# Tips for Walking Safely to School

*Walking to school is fun, but you need to be safe while doing it. Follow these tips to make sure you get to and from school without any problems.*

## **Walk together**

Younger children should always walk with an adult or older child (generally over the age of 9). If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Use streets with sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic, away from the road if possible, and in single file.
- Stop, look and listen for a train before crossing the tracks.
- Obey railway crossing signals and do not cross when the lights are flashing and the gate is down.

## **Be seen**

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

## **Look and listen for traffic**

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move. Remove headphones and listen for traffic.

## **Cross the street safely**

- Stop. Think, look and listen for vehicles. Check both ways before crossing the road.
- Cross only at intersections. Never cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars and never run onto the road
- Recognize and follow the crossing signals. Even when the signal tells you it is safe to walk, make sure the street is clear and all cars have stopped before crossing.
- Walk, don't run when you leave the curb.

## **Obey traffic signs, signals and adult school crossing guards**