

Watch Out!... Kids about!

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- May be impulsive and impatient, and have a limited sense of danger.
- Concentrate on one thing at a time - usually not traffic.
- Imitate the behavior (good and bad) of others children and adults.

Do You Know California Traffic Laws?



- The speed limit in a school zone is 25 mph, sometimes 15 mph.
- No stopping or parking on crosswalks.
- No parking on sidewalks.
- No blocking a driveway.
- No parking in the fire lane or red zones.
- No parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
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Wet Weather Walks

Remind children to be cautious in wet weather, and suit 'em up with umbrellas and raincoats.



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Teach Your Kids Traffic Safety



- Use examples: Be a role model when it comes to correct street crossing and bike riding behavior.
- Explain: Be specific when teaching your child how to cross the street. For instance, say "When I cross a street, I always stop at the curb. Whenever I can I cross within crosswalks. I look and listen for cars - first I look left, then right, then I look left again. Only when it is clear do I cross the street."
- Be visible: Make sure your child knows how to make eye contact, and see and be seen near high profile vehicles.
- Grow your child's confidence: Using small steps, encourage your child to have the confidence necessary to safely cross the street. Begin by letting them play in the front yard, to playing on the block, and on to walking around the block. Then let them cross the street.
- Encouragement: Kids need to know when they're behaving correctly - be sure to congratulate them on modeling your safe actions and words!
- Let your child lead: Once they know the traffic safety rules, let your child lead you! Ask him/her to show you how to be safe, or practice by shadowing him/her about 10 to 15 feet behind.



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