



BEING A SAFE PEDESTRIAN – CROSSING THE ROAD

Discussion questions:

- What can you see in these pictures? What are the children looking for?
- How are the adults helping the children? Who helps you cross the road?
- Why do you need to hold a trusted adult's hand when you cross the road?
Make sure children understand that the adult should be someone they know.
- Why are the children and adults standing back from the road?
- What do you have to do when an adult calls out 'stop'?
- Who can tell me the steps to use when crossing the road?

Key messages:

- **Choose a safe place to cross the road** where traffic can see you – away from a corner, bend, or crest in the road.
- **Stop, look, listen, and think:**
 - **Stop** one giant step back from the kerb.
 - **Look** in all directions for traffic.
 - **Listen** for the sounds of approaching vehicles from all directions. Be aware that electric vehicles are harder to hear.
 - **Think** children should ask themselves 'is it safe to cross?' They should **ONLY** cross when an adult says it is safe to do so.
- **Always hold the hand of a trusted adult** or hold their clothes, a bag, or side of a pram or wheelchair when they are on or near roads, in car parks or other traffic environments.

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