



BEING A SAFE RIDER – CROSSING THE ROAD

Discussion questions:

- Why are the riders standing at the kerb?
- Why have they all dismounted their bikes?
- Do you think this is a safe place for them to cross? Why?
- What do they need to do before crossing the road?
Stop, Look, Listen and Think

Key messages:

- **Always ride with an adult present** in case you need help.
- **Choose a safe place to cross the road** where traffic can see you away from a corner, bend or crest in the road. Safe places to cross include pedestrian crossings, traffic lights and roads with island refuges.
- **Dismount** your device when on the footpath and stop look listen and think before walking across the road.
- **Stop, look, listen, and think:** Teach the fundamental road-crossing rules:
 - **Stop** back from the kerb and dismount.
 - **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.

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