



How to be safe around schools

City of Casey



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

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- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

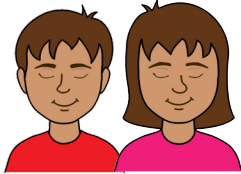
- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.





About this book

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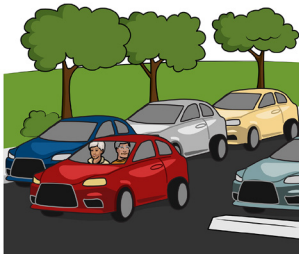


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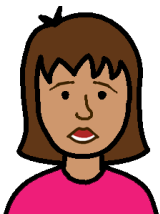


There are things everyone can do to make sure children stay safe on their way to and from school.

Help to keep cars away from school



When you drive your children to school it can add to heavy traffic at drop off and pick up times.



Too many cars around schools can make it

- more dangerous for children

and



- hard to find a parking spot.



Other ways you can get to school might be to

- walk

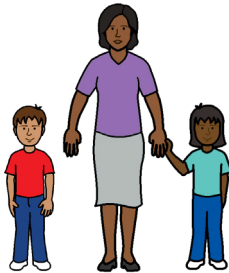
or



- ride a bike or scooter.

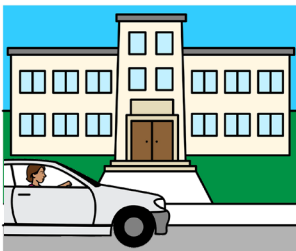


You can park a few streets away from school and walk your child the rest of the way.



You can share the pick up and drop off with another parent.

Keep the pick up zone moving



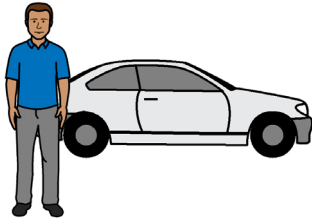
There are **pick up zones** around schools in our community.



A pick up zone means a special place to quickly drop off or pick up your child from school when you use your car.



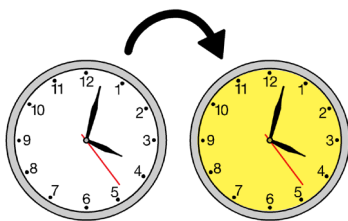
You can only stay in the pick up zone for 2 minutes each time.



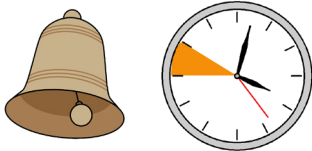
You **must** stay with your car.



Do **not** block other cars in the pick up zone.

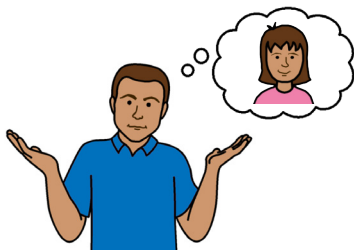


Sometimes you can change your drop off or pick up times so you are **not** there at the busiest times.



For example

- arrive 5 minutes after the bell
- drop your child off earlier for school.



If your child is **not** in the pick up zone then leave and drive back through later.



Do **not** park and wait for them.

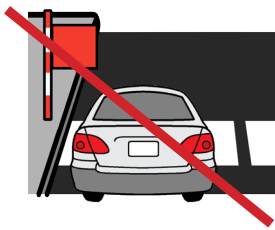


Use school crossings

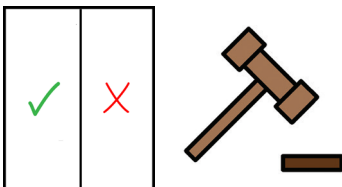
School crossing supervisors will help children to cross the road safely.



The school crossing is the safest place to cross the road.



Do **not** stop your car on the crossing. It is dangerous to block the crossing.



Follow the road rules and laws

You **must** follow all of the road rules and laws.



It is against the law to **double park**.

Double park means to stop next to other parked cars to pick up or let out children.



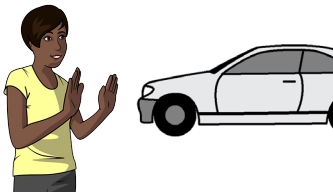
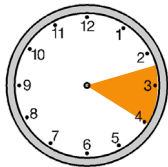
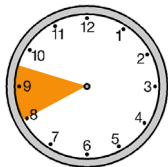
There are different signs around schools to keep children safe from cars.

School Zone



This sign tells you that on school days

- the speed limit around schools is 40 km
- the speed limit **must** be used between
 - 8 am to 9:30 am
 - 2:30 pm to 4 pm
- slow down to keep children safe.



No stopping

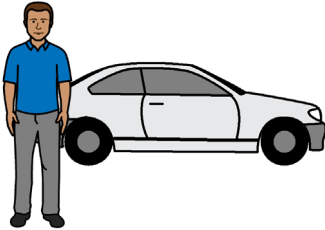


This sign means you **cannot** stop your car for any reason at any time.

No parking



This sign means the area is only for quick drop offs and pick ups at school times.



You **must** stay with your car when you stop in the area.

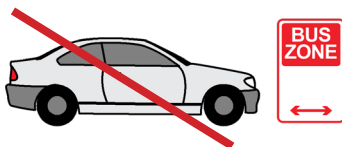


You can only park for 2 minutes.

Bus Zone

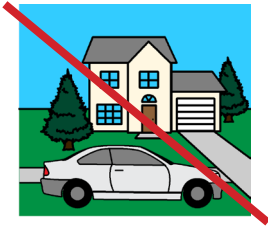


This sign means the area is only for buses.



You **cannot** stop your car for any reason at any time.

Other ways to be safe around schools



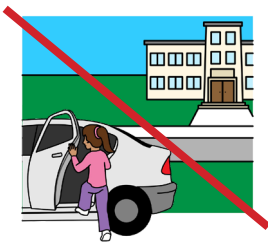
Do **not** park

- on nature strips

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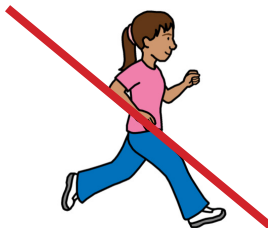
- in front of driveways.



Do **not**

- drop your children on the other side of the road from school

and

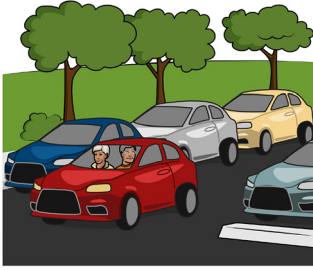


- tell them to run across the road.

This is dangerous.



Make sure you always use the school crossing.



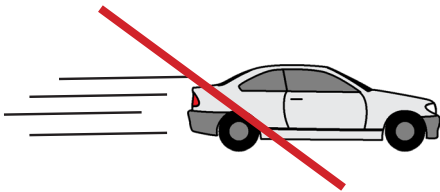
Remember that

- a lot of people drive their children to school
and the traffic can be busy

and



- there are a lot of children around schools.



Make sure you are careful and do **not** rush.

More information



For more information about safety around schools contact City of Casey



Call

9705 5200



Website

www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools



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Use the National Relay Service.

nrschat.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/internetrelay



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Give the relay officer the phone number you want to call.

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safely is everyone's job.**

