SAFELY CROSSING THE STREET

Roads are everywhere and there are plenty of safe places to cross by using a zebra crossing or a pedestrian crossing.

But there are plenty of times when you will have to cross a street where there is no crossing. Even if there is a crossing there are some important principles to follow to keep us from getting hurt.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



EARN THIS NUGGET

With your parents' supervision, cross a variety of roads so you have safely crossed six times in different situations, selecting safe places to cross, and exhibiting the safe crossing rules.

- 1. First, let's assume that the driver will not see us. So never count on the car slowing down or moving out of the way. Plenty of people every year are run over and the driver says they never even saw the person.
- 2. Find a safe place to cross. A place where you can see clearly in both directions, away from parked cars and bends in the road, and, hopefully, where a driver could see you (although we'll still assume they won't see us).
- 3. Stop a little way from the curb; you don't want to be right on the edge.
- 4. Now stand still, look both ways, turning your head so you can see clearly and listen. Sometimes you'll hear a car coming before you'll see it.
- 5. If traffic is coming, be patient and let it pass.
- 6. Now don't cross until you are certain there is a big gap in traffic and you have plenty of time to cross without running.
- 7. As you cross, don't run. Walk and continue to look (turning your head) and listen for traffic.
- 8. Cross straight across the road, not at an angle. An angle will take you much longer to cross.



With your parents' supervision, practice crossing the road. Perhaps you'll start with your driveway and then the road in front of your house.