



Child Pedestrian Safety For Parents



Children and Bus Stops

What to expect from young children

- Children under the age of 10 are not able to make good decisions about their safety
- They should not cross the street by themselves.
- Children do not think before they act, especially when they are playing
- If children see a car, they think that the driver sees them
- Children cannot judge speed, direction or distance very well
- Children are small. It is harder for them to see traffic and for drivers to see them.

Safety Tips for Parents

1. Children under 10 should be taught **NEVER** to enter the street without a grown-up.
2. Always hold a child's hand when crossing the street.
3. Do not expect older children to watch younger children. A responsible adult needs to be with a young child under 10
4. Teach your child to always cross in a crosswalk or at an intersection. Do not cross between parked cars.
5. Use signals correctly, walk only on the green "walk" sign.

Did you know...



...in the U.S. a child is killed in a pedestrian crash every 90 minutes. (*United States Dept. of Transportation*)

...in San Diego County, pedestrian injuries are a leading cause of death in children of all age groups. Children ages 5-9 are the highest risk.

...injuries to older children are more likely due to driver error.

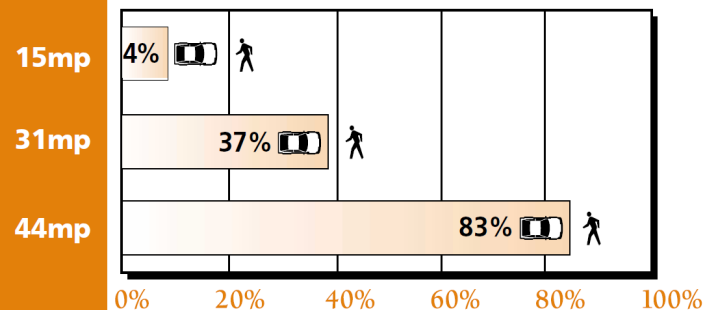
...the number of pedestrian injuries is highest during September and October when kids are returning to school.

...distracted driving is the leading cause of pedestrian injury in school zones.



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