Getting Started

Children are easily distracted. They act on impulse with very little, if any, thought to the consequences.

Teach your child by example

- Remember children will copy your bad habits as well as the good ones.
- Every time you are out and about with your child, show them how to cope safely and tell them why you are doing these things. They will soon understand that if they do things the same way as you they too will stay safe.
- ALWAYS hold your child’s hand.
- ALWAYS use your eyes and ears all the time to look and listen for traffic.
- ALWAYS look for the safest place to cross the road.
- ALWAYS cross away from bends and junctions.
- ALWAYS check driveways for moving vehicles, they may be turning in as well as out.
- ALWAYS walk across the road and be aware of what’s around you.

When using pelican crossing ALWAYS wait until the GREEN MAN appears before crossing the road. ALWAYS check that the traffic has stopped before setting off. BEWARE drivers/riders may go along one-way streets in the wrong direction.

- ALWAYS stop behind the kerb. Children can easily fall into the road by standing on the edge of the kerb and losing their balance.
- ALWAYS look both ways for traffic. Not just cars, vans and lorries, but cycles and motorbikes as well.
- ALWAYS listen, you may not be able to see a vehicle, but you may hear it.
- ALWAYS wait until it is safe to walk across the road NEVER run, that’s when children in particular, trip and fall.
- IF TRAFFIC IS COMING, let it pass, then look and listen again.
- WHEN THE ROAD IS CLEAR, keep hold of your child’s hand walk straight across the road. That’s the shortest distance between the two kerbs. Check each way all the time as you cross to stay safe.