



Each year, approximately 630 child pedestrian fatalities occur and children sustain more than 39,000 nonfatal pedestrian injuries.

STOP Over **10**

Children under 10 years of age are unable to correctly gauge the speed of vehicles, putting them at greater risk for injury and death. Children should not cross the street alone until they are at least 10 years old. **Walk, don't run, across the street.**

83 percent of child pedestrian deaths occur at non-intersection locations.

Stop at the curb before crossing the street. Cross at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again before crossing.

1 in 4 child pedestrian deaths occur between 6-9pm

Wear white clothing or reflectors when walking at night.

More safety tips for parents to teach their children:

- Look left, right and left again before crossing.
- Walk facing traffic.
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- Do not play in driveways, streets, parking lots or unfenced yards by the street.
- Cross at least 10 feet in front of a school bus.

Pedestrian injury remains the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 5 to 14

Safe Kids Springfield is helping to reduce pedestrian-related injuries to children in the Ozarks by providing funding for environmental improvements near school locations, offering educational programs in the elementary schools and by participating in International Walk To School Day and Safe Routes to School programs.

For more pedestrian safety tips, contact Safe Kids Springfield at (417) 820-6671.

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Pedestrian Safety





#1

Cross the street at the corner or at a crosswalk if there is one, and obey all traffic signals.

#2

Walk on a sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street, facing oncoming traffic.

#3

Walk with an adult until you are at least 10 years old.

#4

Only cross in front of a school bus when the driver says it is safe. Do not cross behind the bus or where the driver can't see you.

#5

Hold an adult's hand when you cross the street. Look left, right and left again before you cross and keep looking both ways until you reach the other side.

#6

If you walk when it is dark, wear light-colored clothing or clothing with reflective material so drivers can see you. A flashlight is also a good idea.

#7

If a toy or pet goes out into the street, ask an adult for help getting it back.

#8

When you are outside playing, play in a backyard or playground away from the street or parking lots.

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