

# Get to Know the Signs



RED



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AMBER



DON'T WALK



WALK



COUNTDOWN



SCHOOL AREA



SCHOOL CROSSING



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PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

# How to Cross the Street Safely

A GUIDE FOR KIDS



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You are a pedestrian when you are walking along a road or sidewalk. To make sure you are safe when walking, remember to walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road and stay as far away from traffic as possible.

### How to cross at a Traffic Signal

When you cross the street at a corner with a traffic signal, there are lines on the road called a **Crosswalk** for you to walk between.

There is a **push button** that you press to bring up the **Walk Signals**, which helps you to cross the street safely and gives more time to cross.

### Tips to Help You Cross the Street Safely

- Always make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street
- Always cross when the traffic has come to a complete stop
- Always stand away from the road when you are waiting for the **Walk Signal**
- Stay alert, put cell phones and music away and always stop, look and listen before crossing
- Always look both ways before and while you cross the street, by looking left, right and left again to make sure no cars are coming
- Always wear brightly coloured clothing so you can be seen
- Always walk across the street - DO NOT run!

### What do the Walk Signals Mean?

The Walk Signal tells you that you can start crossing the road.

The **Flashing Hand Signal** (or numbers counting down) tells you there's not enough time to cross if you haven't started already.

The **Solid Hand Signal** means Do Not start crossing the street. Press the push button and begin crossing the street only when you see the **Walk Signal**.

