

Walking and wheeling to school

Walking and wheeling (scooting, biking or skateboarding) are great ways for children to get some fresh air, social time and exercise on their way to school. It helps them to learn about road safety and gain independence.

Tips for building confident walkers:

- Teach the **kerb drill** for crossing roads.
- Watch out for sneaky driveways.
- Walk with friends or whānau.
- Start a walking school bus.
- Use Park and Stride to build walking muscles and road safety skills.

Tips for confident wheelers:

- Wear a correctly fitted helmet.
- Wear bright clothes.
- Plan a safe route and practise with an adult when it's quiet.
- Maintain your wheels and check your brakes every time.
- Ride with a friend or adult.

Parking and driving safely near schools

Children are still learning about road safety and may behave unpredictably; adults need to drive carefully and park safely near schools.

Keep your children and their classmates safe:

- Slow down near the school.
- Stay alert and be prepared to stop.
- Avoid turning into driveways or reversing over a footpath.
- Follow the directions of the school patrol.
- Park in designated places - these are carefully chosen for safety and visibility.
- When passing a school bus that is stopped to let children on and off, slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until well past - no matter which direction you are coming from.

Never park on:

- broken yellow lines
- footpaths
- driveways, bus stops or 'no parking' zones.



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THE KERB DRILL

- 1 Stop one step back from the kerb.**
- 2 Look and listen for traffic coming from all directions.**
- 3 If there is traffic coming, wait until it has passed and then look and listen for traffic again.**
- 4 If there is no traffic coming, walk quickly straight across the road.**
- 5 While crossing, look and listen for traffic, wherever it may come from.**

To find out more about school travel, visit [wellington.govt.nz](https://www.wellington.govt.nz) or call 04 499 4444. Thank you for keeping our tamariki safe.

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**Walking and wheeling
are great ways to get
to school. Here are
some tips to help you
to travel safely:**

- ✓ Stop, look and listen
before crossing the road.
- ✓ Travel with friends
or whānau.
- ✓ Watch for sneaky
driveways.
- ✓ Wear a helmet on
your bike, skateboard
or scooter.



Drive safely:

Kids are quick; drivers,
please slow down.

Park and drive safely
and legally - set a good
example for your
tamariki.

Map box - whānau or classroom activity

1. Cut out your neighbourhood map.
2. Use the stickers to highlight your school, home, safe meeting spots (such as a local shop or friend's house), safe crossings, and other places you might go.
3. Draw the safest route to school.
4. Then paste your map into this box and hang it where it can be seen.

Teachers/parents/whānau:

Talk to tamariki about how to keep safe while travelling to school:

- Help them to choose safe places for crossing the road. Use a crossing (pedestrian, school patrol, traffic lights or pedestrian refuge island) if available.
- Help them to plan a safe route to school and talk about what to do if there are hazards such as roadworks.
- Point out sneaky driveways where people driving may not be able to see children on the footpath.
- Teach them how to get help if they need it - look for an adult such as another parent or go to a safe place such as the school office, a friend's house, or a shop.
- Make sure they have a copy of your phone number and know where to find it.