



# How to behave near traffic

## Dear Parent or Carer,

Your child is learning about road safety as part of a national campaign to reduce the number of road casualties. This Home-link Sheet is one of a series showing how you can help your child to be safer. It contains ideas for simple activities that you can do with your child. Learning together this way is fun and it supports the key safety messages that your child is learning in his or her Early Years Setting.

Setting a good example for young children through your own behaviour on the road helps them learn good road safety skills and apply these throughout their lives.

## Keep hold!

This is all about holding hands near traffic. The activities below will help your child to learn:

- that they should always hold hands with their carer near traffic
- that they should always walk on the side of the pavement away from traffic
- What if there's no pavement? If there is no pavement, walk on the side of the road, facing oncoming traffic. Keep your child away from traffic, always holding hands.

## Activities

1 Talk with your child about where and when they need to hold hands. This can be made into a little game:

- Do you need to hold hands in the kitchen?
- Outside the shops?
- At the park?
- In the garden?
- In a car park?
- Ask why we need to hold hands near traffic.
- Make sure that your child knows that holding hands is the best way to stay safer near to roads.

2 Visit the Children's Traffic Club website at [www.trafficclub.co.uk](http://www.trafficclub.co.uk) and play some of the online games there with your child (they are designed for ages 3-4).

- Click on Children's Corner then click the five tabs along the top of the page to find simple clicking and dragging activities about traffic.
- Click on 'Activities to print' to find a 'holding hands colouring sheet'.
- Have a look at the Parents' section for more great advice on keeping your child safer.