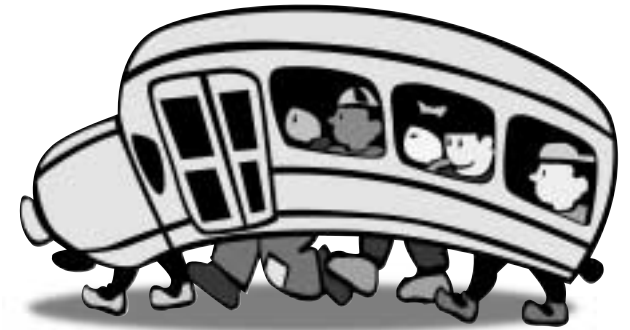


Children imitate and model their behavior after adults, so your actions as a “walking school bus” leader speak louder than your words.

## 8 Steps for Walking Safely



- 1.** Teach by example. Look both ways before crossing; cross at crosswalks; obey traffic signals; and wear light-colored or retro-reflective materials.
- 2.** Use hand-held stop signs or body language and whistles to stop traffic before allowing children to cross a street.
- 3.** Recognize that children have trouble judging traffic speed, gaps in traffic, and stopping distances.
- 4.** Include at least 2 adults in each “walking school bus” whenever possible, with 1 adult behind the children and 1 adult in front.
- 5.** Explain the reasons for safety rules. For example, “We are walking facing traffic so we can see the cars.”
- 6.** Keep children together and prevent horseplay by providing a rope for them to hold.
- 7.** Engage children with games and activities that focus their eyes on the street.
- 8.** Teach older children to help supervise younger children, especially when crossing streets.

