

# SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

The Facts!

## FACT SHEET 4

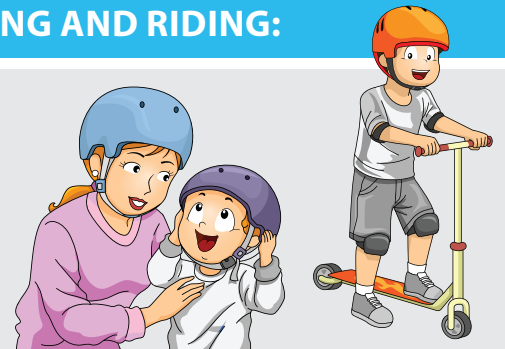
### Walking and Riding Safely to School

We all want our children to arrive at school safely and on time. But this doesn't have to mean driving them right to the school gate. Walking or riding all or some of the way to school reduces congestion and improves road safety around the school as well as promoting physical activity and reducing our carbon footprint.



#### KEY MESSAGES FOR KIDS TO STAY SAFE WHEN WALKING AND RIDING:

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross a road or driveway.
- Stay alert, look up – don't get distracted by your phone.
- Use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- Take extra care around trucks and buses – they can't always see you.



#### HOLDING HANDS

Until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand:

- On the footpath.
- In the car park.
- When crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.



#### IT'S TOO FAR TO WALK!

If you find walking all the way to school too difficult or too far, drive some of the way and park at least a block or two away and walk with your child the rest of the way.



#### SAFETY DOOR

If you do need to drive, always ensure your children get out of the car through the 'Safety Door', away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

