



WALK SMART, STAY SAFE

Top tips for walking to school



As you get older and more independent, it's important to know how to keep yourself safe.



Use these smart tips every time you walk to and from school.

1 PLAN YOUR ROUTE



Choose the safest route with well-lit, busy streets. Try to stick to it every day.

2 STAY ALERT



Put your phone away, keep your headphones out and be aware of what's happening around you.

3 TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS



If a situation or person makes you feel uncomfortable, trust your feelings and get away if you can.

4 STAY IN WELL-LIT, BUSY AREAS



Avoid shortcuts through alleys, parks or quiet areas. Busy places are safer places.

5 WALK WITH FRIENDS



There's safety in numbers. If you can, walk with a friend or group of friends.

6 LET SOMEONE KNOW



Tell a parent or carer your route and what time you expect to arrive.

7 KEEP PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE



Don't share where you live or your daily routine with people you don't know or trust.

8 CROSS ROADS SAFELY



Stop, look, listen. Use pedestrian crossings where you can and never run across the road.

9 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP



If you need help, go to a trusted adult, a shop, or a place with other people around.

10 IN AN EMERGENCY



If you or someone else is in danger, call 999 immediately.

REMEMBER:



BE AWARE

Look around and stay alert.



BE SAFE

Make smart choices.



BE KIND

Look out for others too.

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