

Other Road Safety Tips

When it comes to using a pedestrian crossing, 'near enough is NOT good enough'.

Make the effort to use the crossing even if it means walking a little further.

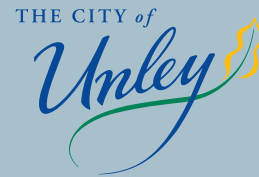
Crossings are often the best place to cross as drivers will be more alert for pedestrians and generally have to give way. Sight distances to pedestrians are usually best at crossings.

Organise to meet your child at a particular safe place such as the school gate or on the same side of the road as the school or bus stop, providing traffic rules and school policy allow you to do so.

Park your car and walk to meet your child - don't call them to cross the road by themselves.

Try and avoid doing a U-turn in the street if there are children around. It is harder to see children crossing the road behind you and difficult for the children to know that you are going to do an 'about face'.

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Traffic rules around schools



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School Zones and Crossings

School Zones

School zones are installed on most roads around schools - as shown by these signs. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a School Zone.



Drivers must not exceed 25km/h at any time of the day or night when a child is in the zone. This includes children walking or riding a bicycle either on the road, footpath or median strip.

The lower speed limit applies whenever children are in the zone, including weekends and school holidays.

It makes sense to slow down as you approach a school at all times of the day and night to check if there are children in the area. Children can be present outside of normal school hours because of many activities that take place in the school.

Emu Crossings

An Emu Crossing has a red 'Children Crossing' flag displayed on red and white striped posts.

When the flags are displayed drivers must give way to pedestrians crossing or about to cross the road.

Emu crossings are located within School Zones, which have a speed limit of 25km/h when children are on the road or footpath.

If the 'Children Crossing' flags are not up, the 25km/h school zone speed limit still applies if there are children present.



Koala Crossings

A Koala Crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles.

Koala Crossings operate only when the yellow lights are flashing. A 25km/h speed limit applies between signs on the approaches to the crossing when the lights are flashing, and drivers must stop and give way to anyone using the crossing or about to cross the road.

School monitors may be present at the crossings and it is important to obey the Stop signs used by the monitors.



Wombat Crossings

A Wombat Crossing consists of a wide road hump marked with thick white stripes.

A 40km/h speed limit applies at all times within 30-40 metres of the crossing as shown on signs.

When a pedestrian is crossing or about to cross the road, drivers must stop and give way.



Parking Signs



No Stopping signs

You must not park or stop in a No Stopping area for any reason.



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You can only stop in a No Parking area for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. The driver must remain with the vehicle and take no more than 2 minutes.

Parking Restrictions

Near school crossings

Parking is generally banned at school or other pedestrian crossings for 20 metres before and 10 metres after the crossing, unless signs indicate otherwise.

It is important not to park near crossings as it can make it harder to see children and other pedestrians using the crossing.

Double Parking

It is illegal to 'double park' by stopping next to another car already parked near the kerb. Double parking restricts access for other traffic and can block sight lines for children on the side of the road.



Parking across driveways

You should not park across a driveway. Restricting access to driveways is illegal and can inconvenience the property owners.

Continuous Yellow Line

A continuous yellow line marked on the edge of the road has the same meaning as a no stopping zone.

No parking allowed at any time if there is a yellow line.



Parallel Parking

Unless there are signs or markings on the road to indicate some other method, you must park parallel to the edge of the road and footpath.

The rules are:

- Park your vehicle so that it is facing in the same direction as the moving traffic.
- Unless permitted by a parking sign, leave a minimum of 3 metres between your vehicle and any continuous dividing line.