

WHEN TO CROSS

There is no federal law setting a legal age minimum before children can walk to school alone. For a law specific to your state, contact the school coordinator for that state's Department of Transportation.

You may also want to contact the child's school or district to determine if either has a policy that prohibits children under a certain age from walking to school alone.



According to the National Highway Traffic Safe Administration children, even in the same grade, vary in their readiness to handle traffic situations, such as choosing a safe time to cross a street. In general, children are not ready to cross a street alone until age 10.

Ideally parents are a central figure in their children's safety education.

Parents have the best opportunities to effectively assess their individual child's skills and teach safe behavior in the course of daily life so they should be encouraged to participate in their child's safety education.

It is less a matter of chronological age and more about whether children have demonstrated that they can safely walk and cross streets independently.

SAFE CORRIDORS



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VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE SAFE CORRIDOR PROGRAM WORK...

The Safe Corridor Program is a volunteer-run safety effort. Parents and residents of the school community who wish to form a Safe Corridor for their school will receive assistance from **Town Watch Integrated Services**.

The Town Watch staff will provide training, resources and equipment to those volunteers committed to making a difference in the community for the sake of our children.



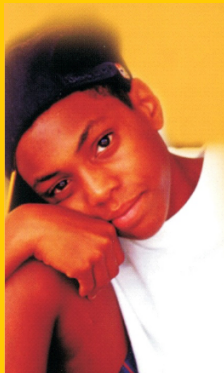
VOLUNTEERS COMING TOGETHER

Volunteers are trained to develop observation and communication skills, to use the 911 Emergency System, to understand patrolling procedures and radio use, to give first aid and to work with young children.

The goal is to get the children from home to school and back again safely.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

to raise a child, an entire community to protect a child. Safe Corridor volunteers are doing their part to raise a community of children who know they are treasured and important.



WHAT IS A SAFE CORRIDOR?

The Safe Corridor Program provides a particular route by which children will travel to and from school. This route or corridor is monitored by adult volunteers to ensure that the children arrive safely at their destination.

Safe Havens are businesses that are available to help children in the event of an emergency. Those who are unable to monitor the children but wish to help can volunteer to be a Safe Haven (only public facilities not homes) along the Safe Corridor route.

Safe Corridor needs volunteers who want to contribute to the future of our city. A commitment to our children is a commitment to our futures.

Safe Corridor volunteers are a source of comfort to parents who cannot monitor their child and for each of the children on a given route. Every one of our children benefits from knowing another adult cares.

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TEACH THE CHILDREN

The children will be taught that the corridor has been established for their own protection. They will come to know the Safe Corridor volunteers and the Safe Havens along the route.

As the children come to understand the role that volunteer patrols play in keeping them safe, they will also learn that they share this responsibility and must behave safely.

DANGER

Most young children are exposed to Stranger Danger instructions at an early age.



This helpful information can be forgotten in the rush to get home or to get to the first class of the day. Safe Corridor volunteers observe their surroundings each day to ensure the safety of our children.



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