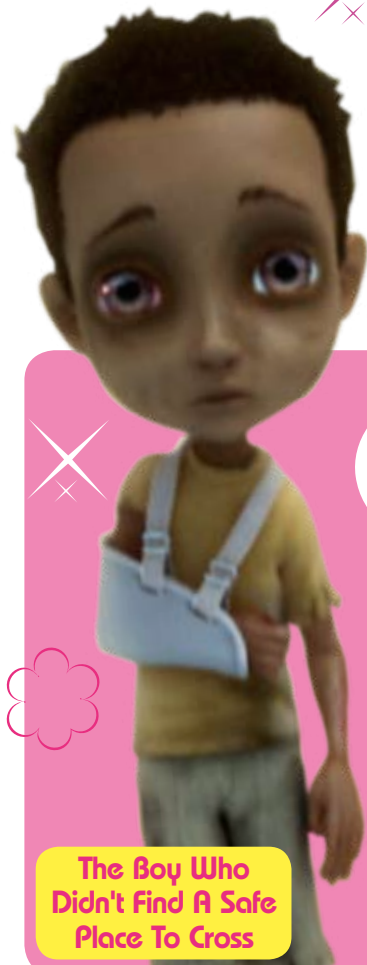




Stop, look, listen

Everyone needs to be road smart, so read these tales and see how you can improve your safety.



The Boy Who Didn't Find A Safe Place To Cross

Crossing calamity

The Boy Who Didn't Find A Safe Place To Cross has REALLY had to pay for his lazy ways. Out and about one day, he couldn't be bothered to find a safe place to cross the road, so he stepped out on a bend. Of course, cars couldn't see he was there until it was too late and he got knocked over. Now he has broken bones and bruises.



GT Goss code

Try not to cross between



where you can't be seen.

Look out

The Boy Who Didn't Stop Look And Listen was a star of the pitch... until he crossed the road one day, without looking, and was hit by a car. "I just ran out and didn't see what was coming," he grumbled. "Now I can't play football because my leg is broken." Does he have any words of advice for us? "Yes! Stop, look and listen! I wish I had."

GT Goss code

Never cross the road while you are



so that you can hear cars coming



The Boy Who Didn't Stop Look And Listen

"They couldn't see me!"



The Girl Who Didn't Wear Bright Colours



Fashion Fan The Girl Who Didn't Wear Bright Colours has just had to pay for her style. On the way home from school on a grey afternoon, this design diva was dressed in dark colours. She just blended into the background and drivers couldn't see her. And yes, the worst happened: a car hit her. Now she's not looking so trendy with her bruises, bandages and a neck brace. If only she'd remembered that it's much cooler to Be Bright, Be Seen.



Don't forget!

Here are our top three tips for staying safe when crossing roads.

1 Stop, look & listen

Stop

- ♥ Find the safest place to cross, then STOP.
- ♥ Stand on the pavement near the kerb.

Look

- ♥ Give yourself lots of time to look all around and work out where vehicles will be coming from.
- ♥ Make sure you can see if anything is coming and that drivers will be able to see you.

Listen

- ♥ Listen carefully – sometimes you can hear traffic before you can see it.
- ♥ Never cross the road while chatting, listening to music or on the phone.
- ♥ When it's safe, walk straight across the road. Don't walk diagonally.

2 Be bright, be seen

- ♥ Wear colourful or fluorescent clothing when you go out on a dark day, so the cars can see you coming.
- ♥ Customise your backpack – adding cool reflective zips, clips and stickers is a great way to be seen.
- ♥ Wear reflective gear or accessories in the evenings, so cars can see you in their headlights.

3 Find a safer place to cross

- ♥ Try to cross at pedestrian crossings, zebra crossings, pelican crossings, puffin crossings and islands only.
- ♥ NEVER cross in a place where you can't see what could be speeding just around the corner, and try to avoid crossing near the top of a hill or between parked cars.

