

## Road Safety

**Good planning, close supervision and effective risk assessment are essential when carrying out road safety activities with children at nursery.**

Children need to be aware of and know how to assess and manage risks in life.

It is very important that you discuss the benefits of learning to manage risk with the children, as well as the potential dangers.

Think about the roles children take in your nursery to assess risks. Do they support you in checking for potential risks when outdoors or on an outing?



It is important to make sure road safety education is a shared responsibility between your nursery setting and parents. Children will learn more effectively if they receive the same clear safety instructions from home as from the setting.

- Stress the importance that the home plays in children's learning about keeping safe by encouraging parents to become involved with road safety from an early age
- Give advice and ideas for parents about how they can reinforce key road safety messages, for all ages, through simple, enjoyable activities with their children.
  - For example, encourage parents to describe what they are doing every time they cross the road with their child to reinforce road safety messages (stop, hold hands, look, listen).