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- ✓ Make sure your children know your contact details and their address
- ✓ Work with your children to create your own safety network – Ask them for ideas on where safe places on their way to/from school (Remember: Safety Houses are no longer operational) It could be a friend's house, a family member, a shop.
- ✓ Map out the safest route to/from school with your children – ask for their ideas and input and discuss why that is the safest route
- ✓ Do a practice run with your children – you could even draw out the map and make it a fun activity.
- ✓ Remind your children why it is important to stick to the route and not go anywhere before or after school without your permission
- ✓ Remind your children who will be picking them up and where from, and don't forget instructions of what to do if that person is not there.
- ✓ School aged children are familiar with the 3 R's... Recognise, React and Report. Reinforce this at home. Ask them how they would recognise danger and maybe discuss different scenarios of how they would respond and who they would report it to.
- ✓ Work with your children to identify their "trusted adults"
- ✓ Ask your children what they would do if they were injured on the way to/from school... see what their answer is and work out a plan together
- ✓ If your children have a mobile phone remind them not to use it whilst walking!
- ✓ If your child is riding a bike make sure they wear a helmet
- ✓ Remind your children to cross roads safely and try to use school or pedestrian crossings if possible.

Road Safety NT have a ["Student Travel Planner"](#) to help get your children to and from school safely.