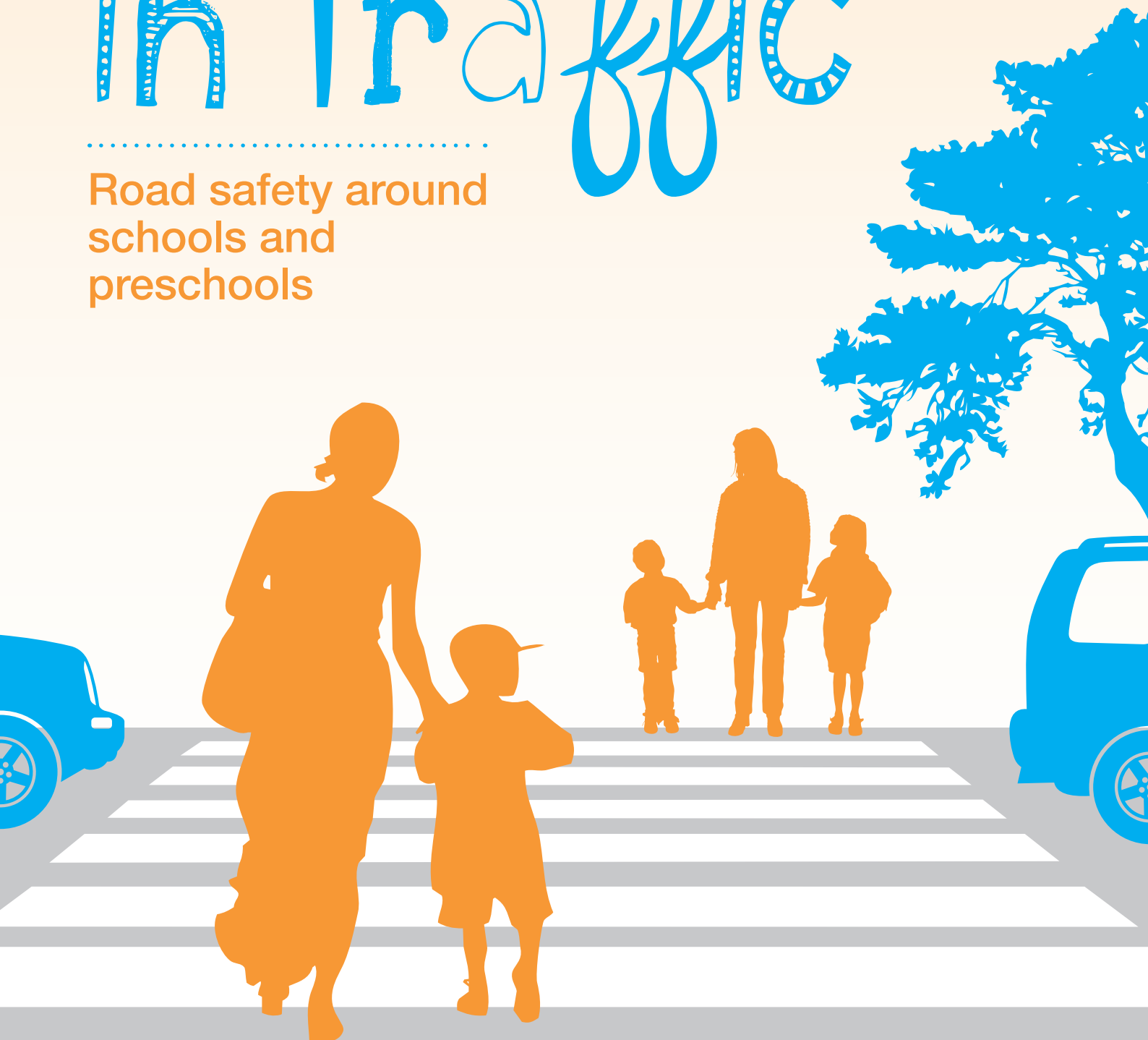


# kids need a hand in traffic

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Road safety around  
schools and  
preschools



## Children need parental/adult carer supervision at all times in and around traffic to make them safer.

- : Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes along footpaths, shared paths, driveways, residential areas, car parks, at traffic lights, zebra and other pedestrian crossings facilities, quiet roads, and busy roads.

are smaller and harder for other road users to see

are less predictable than other pedestrians

are unable to identify safe places to cross the road

tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic



are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening

cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles

cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from

are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions

## How can parents and carers give kids a hand in traffic?

### Hold hands

- : Kids need to be actively supervised in and around traffic. Hold hands with your children when crossing the road, travelling on footpaths or shared paths. If your hands are full, make sure your child holds onto your bag, pram or even your arm or sleeve.

### Talk with your kids about traffic and roads

- : As you are walking, talk with your children about why you are stopping, and what you are looking and listening for. Explain to them where and when it is safer to cross and why. Kids need lots of supervised opportunities to learn how to keep safe before they can do it themselves.

### Set a good example

- : Kids are always watching – they want to be just like adults – make sure you always set a good example around traffic.

### At your preschool and occasional child care centre

- : When entering or exiting the front or rear gates, hold your child's hand.
- : 'LOOK' both ways for traffic on the footpath then proceed with safety. The 'LOOK' stencil provides a reminder to pedestrians to have a final look before stepping out into the road environment.