



Driveway Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe around driveways.

Kids love cars, and when they see a parked car, they don't even think about getting hurt or seriously injured. That's why parents have to. Many preventable injuries and deaths occur in driveways or parking lots when drivers are unaware that children are near vehicles. Tragically, these drivers are often family members or friends of the injured child. But these injuries are easily prevented by following a few simple tips.

Check Your Car and Driveway for Kids

- We know you're often in a hurry, but before you get in the car, take a few seconds to walk all the way around your parked car to check for children.
- When checking for kids around your vehicle, see if anything that could attract a child such as a pet, bike or toy, is under or behind your vehicle before getting in and starting the engine.
- Ask an adult to supervise and find a safe spot for children to wait when nearby vehicles are about to move and make sure the drivers can see them.



Lend a Hand to Younger Kids

- Hold the hands while walking near moving vehicles in driveways, in parking lots or on sidewalks.



Limit Play in the Driveway

- Be sure to pick up toys, bikes, chalk or anything else from the driveway so that these items don't entice kids to play.
- Find and use safe play areas for children, away from parked or moving vehicles. Teach kids to play in safe areas instead of in, around or behind a car. Consider making your driveway a toy-free, kid-free zone.
- Don't allow children to play unattended in parking lots or driveways when cars are present.

Each year, more than 9,000 children are treated in emergency rooms for injuries that occurred while they were unattended in or around motor vehicles.

