

IS YOUR DRIVEWAY KIDSAFE?

SUPERVISE, SEPARATE & SEE



Driveways are dangerous places for children – they are designed to allow vehicles access to and from a property and therefore present the same hazards as roads.

Every week in Australia, a child is hit by a slow moving vehicle around the home.

Children's unpredictability, their inquisitive nature and the fact that they are surprisingly quick and mobile, places them at increased risk around driveways.

FACTS ABOUT DRIVEWAY RUNOVERS

- In over ¾ of cases, the driver does not know that a child is close to the vehicle; they think they are being looked after elsewhere.
- Incidents usually involve children under the age of 5.
- All cars have blind spots, some extending back as far as 15m. This can make it difficult to see a child when reversing.
- Any vehicle can be involved in a driveway runover, including those with reversing sensors and cameras.
- Most driveway run overs occur in the morning (between 8am-10am) and late afternoon (between 4pm and 6pm).



Most driveway run overs occur in the driveway of the child's own home, or in a friend or relative's driveway. The driver is usually a parent, relative or family friend.

SAFETY TIPS

To assist in making your driveway Kidsafe, make sure that you always **SUPERVISE, SEPARATE & SEE**.

SUPERVISE

- Always actively supervise children around cars, driveways and car parks.
- If there is only one adult at home and there is a need to move the vehicle, even for a small distance, ensure young children are placed securely in the vehicle while it is being moved.
- Any children not in the vehicle should be kept well away and actively supervised by an adult who is holding their hand, to ensure there is a clear passage for the vehicle to move.



SEPARATE

- Treat the driveway like a road.
- Create safe play areas for children away from garages and driveways.
- Consider fitting high handles to garage doors, fences separating the house and garden from the driveway, and self-closing doors and gates to prevent children accessing the driveway.



SEE

- Reversing sensors and cameras can assist in reducing blind spots, however, they should never be relied upon on their own to keep kids safe. Even with these devices, children may not be noticed until it is too late to stop.
- Always walk around the vehicle before getting into it to check there are no children around.
- Wave goodbye from a safe place away from the driveway.

