



# crossing the road

## The Green Cross Code

### **These are the basic rules for crossing the road safely:**

- Find a safe place to cross. If there is a bridge or a pedestrian crossing, use it. Otherwise, find a place where you can see clearly what is coming in both directions, and where drivers will also be able to see you. It is not a good idea to cross where there are cars parked on the side of the road.
- Stop just before you get to the edge of the road. Stop where you can see if anything is coming. Don't get too close to the traffic. If there isn't a kerb at the edge of the road, stand well back, but make sure you can see any traffic.
- Look all around for traffic and listen. Traffic could come from any direction, and you might hear it before you can see it.
- If traffic is coming, let it pass. Look all around again and listen. Do not cross until there is a safe gap in the traffic and you are sure that there is plenty of time. Remember, even if traffic is a long way off, it may be coming very fast.
- When it is safe, go straight across the road - do not run. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross, in case there is any traffic you did not see, or in case other traffic appears suddenly.
- If you are leaving school and there is a school crossing patrol who can assist you to cross the road then let them help you, it is safer to use at the busy time of the end of the school day