

# We need a hand around traffic

It takes many years for your child to develop an understanding of danger and how to keep safe. While children are often keen to do things for themselves, **an adult must always be responsible for them in the road environment.**

Your child may be able to recite safety slogans and tell you the rules about how to keep safe but won't always be able to apply them.

We think we can do things by ourselves but often we can't

Sometimes we can be easily distracted

Once we are moving, we find it hard to stop

We sometimes behave unpredictably

We might learn things by rote but this doesn't mean we know what to do

We are small and drivers may not be able to see us

We can't always work out where a sound is coming from and what this means

We often focus on just one thing at a time

We don't really understand ideas such as 'speed', 'distance' and 'safety'