

Where are your kids?

Child Safety in your Driveway

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand

Improving community safety through collaborative efforts.

CHECK where the children are before reversing your vehicle
SUPERVISE children around places where vehicles are
SEPARATE children's play areas from driveways

Tragically New Zealand has one of the highest recorded rates of driveway injuries in the world. The vehicle is usually moving slowly and is often being driven by a parent, family member or friend. The injuries tend to be severe and involve significant trauma to the head, chest and lower limbs.



Facts

- Two children per month injured from driveway run-overs.
- 92% of children were injured in their own or a family driveway.
- Children aged between one-two years are most likely to be injured.
- The greatest number of injuries occurred between 4-7pm (47%).
- Other times of risk are mid-morning, and weekends.
- More incidents are likely to occur during the summer December-February (39%) than other times of the year.
- 70% of vehicles involved were cars; all vehicles had reversing visibility issues.

Why?

Young children often do the unexpected; they are naturally inquisitive, and fast moving. A child can move from a safe position in the time it takes a driver to say goodbye and start the engine.

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SEPARATE

- Ideally driveways should be separated from play areas to minimise the risk of children being on the driveway.
- Check condition of fences and gates, make sure they remain closed.

DRIVER AWARENESS

- Check and check again before reversing, walk around your vehicle.
- Make sure someone is holding the baby/child/toddler while you move the vehicle.
- If you are the only adult at home and need to move the car for a short distance, place your child in the car.



SUPERVISION

- The most important way to prevent injuries is to know where your children are.
- Parents often think their child is safe and with another family member.
- Identify a safe place where children can stand when vehicles are moving in the driveway, practice it often.

Driveway Run-over Prevention Kit

The kit enables people to get into a vehicle and see how much they can see through their rear vision & side mirrors. It raises ones awareness that, in most cases, babies, toddlers and young children cannot be seen by the driver. Contact officemanager@childsafety.co.nz if you would like to book the kit.

For further information on Child Safety around driveways visit www.safekids.org.nz

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