Pause Before You Cross

Requirement(s) 4

Gear up! Crayons, your adult partner, and a clear indoor floor space.

Practice in a pretend street or parking lot, never in moving traffic. Your adult can use the edge of a rug or a line on paper as the pretend curb.

With your adult:

1. Stop at the edge before entering a street or vehicle path.
2. Look and listen in all directions with your adult. Check for turning or backing vehicles, too.
3. Wait until your adult confirms it is safe and any crossing signal permits you to go. A green light alone does not mean the path is clear.
4. Walk across with your adult, staying alert. Do not run ahead.

Draw yourself waiting safely with your adult.

Now show the steps in your pretend space. At a real crossing, stay with your adult and follow local crossing rules.

◯ I demonstrated safe crossing behavior with my adult partner.

Coloring a signal or drawing a picture alone does not complete the demonstration.

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