



Road Safety Around Schools Guidelines

About the guidelines

The safety of children travelling to, from and around schools is an issue of concern to the whole community.

The *Road Safety Around Schools Guidelines* have been developed to assist Local Governments and schools to improve road safety and traffic management around schools.

The guidelines are intended to be practical and include common problems experienced around schools, the issues involved and suggestions for addressing them. A list of potential solutions to typical problems is included as part of the guidelines. Also included is a list of who to contact about resolving specific issues.

The information presented is not exhaustive and solutions suggested may not provide all the answers, however we believe the guidelines will be a valuable resource for schools across the State.

Improving road safety around schools is important and using the coordinated approach detailed in the guidelines will help achieve positive results in local communities.

Purpose of the guidelines

The *Road Safety Around Schools Guidelines* have been produced to enhance the safety of children travelling to, from and around schools.

The guidelines:

- Provide information about many of the major road safety issues around schools;
- Provide information about how best to maintain or improve road safety for children travelling to and from schools;
- Advise where further assistance might be obtained; and
- Provide answers to commonly asked questions about road safety issues around schools.

The *Road Safety Around Schools Guidelines – Local Government edition* aims to provide information for Local Governments so they can assist and empower school communities to identify and address traffic management issues.

The *Road Safety Around Schools Guidelines - Schools edition* aims to build the capacity of schools to recognise and address road safety issues within the school community.

Actively involving the school community

School road safety is most effective when the school community takes ownership of road safety issues and the processes required to solve them.

Schools committed to improving road safety and traffic management using the initiatives outlined in the *Road Safety Around Schools Guidelines* coupled with the delivery of Road Aware educational programs and resources, will effectively achieve their objective.

How to get a copy of the guidelines

Copies of the *Road Safety Around Schools Guidelines*, school survey, newsletter items and Safe Routes to School paint templates are available for download from the RoadWise website at <http://www.roadwise.asn.au/schools>.

