Be a Safe Walking Star in Palo Alto!

On your mark...
Get set... Start!
When you go for a walk you have to be smart!
Use all of your senses wherever you are.

Stop, look, and listen for all kinds of cars.
Always walk on the sidewalk.
Keep your face toward the cars.
Be safe, be smart,
Be a “Safe Walking Star!”
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Bring a grown-up along when you go for a walk.
Enjoy the outdoors while you have a nice talk.
Stop first -- look -- and listen.

Never rush 'cross the street.

Make sure traffic is stopped,

then move your feet.
Obey traffic signals.
Red light stop. Green light go.
Cross streets in crosswalks with a grown-up you know.
Wave to the drivers. Make sure that they see you.

Wait for them to wave back. Keep watching around you.
Are you taking the school bus? Arrive early and wait. Stay ten steps back, take turns; line up straight.
Now go and have fun.
Have a great time today.

You're a Safe Walking Star.
So you lead the way!
What would you do?

After reading the "Walking Star Storybook" together with your child, here are some situations you can talk about together.

1. **A driver just saw you in the crosswalk. How quickly can the driver stop?** Discuss: Drivers can’t stop their cars instantly. Even in a crosswalk, we have to constantly watch around us and be ready to stop before something crosses our path.

2. **What does a green light mean?** Discuss: If the light is green, can you start to cross the street? Explain that you still need to watch left-right-left for car drivers and bicyclists. Sometimes drivers may turn right on a red light, or left into your path, so watch for that too!

3. **How can you be sure a driver sees you?** Discuss: Before you cross, what can you do? (Wave at the car driver; make eye contact; make sure the driver can see you; stay in crosswalks; do not cross between cars or midblock.)

4. **Why is it important to walk with a parent?** Discuss: Until about age 10, you should walk with a parent or someone your parents’ trust. Grown-ups can see more of what is going on around you and help keep you safe.

5. **How do you know when it is safe to cross a street?** Discuss: It’s not enough just to have a green light or pedestrian safety signal. You have to look left-right-left and back over your right shoulder for car drivers that may be turning right on a red light. Watch for bicycle riders, too!

*Stop every time at the edge of the street. Use your head before your feet. Make sure you hear every sound. Look left-right-left and all around.*
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Walk & Roll to Libraries

Palo Alto City Limits

Wetlands and Habitats
(Permanent Natural Areas)

Parks and Open Space

Friends of the Palo Alto Library
Library Book Sale Room
www.paloa.org

Bike Repair Station

The Safe Routes to Libraries suggested routes are based on Palo Alto Safe Routes to School routes. For more Safe Routes to School information, please visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/safesroutes

The Palo Alto Safe Routes to School program encourages families to walk to school and use alternative modes of transportation. Always use pedestrian signals and follow the rules of the road.

The Children's Library
1756 Harriet St
Mon, Sat 10am-6pm
Tues-Thurs 10am-7pm
Fri-Sun 10am-5pm

The Downtown Library
2700 Middlefield Rd
Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm
Fri-Sat 9am-6pm
Sun 10am-6pm

The El Camino Library
2201 El Camino Real
Mon-Thu 10am-9pm
Fri-Sat 10am-6pm
Sun 10am-6pm

The El Camino College Library
2000 Medical Dr
Mon-Thurs 10am-9pm
Fri-Sat 10am-6pm
Sun 10am-6pm

The Palo Alto Museum
903 Middlefield Rd
Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm
Fri-Sat 10am-8pm
Sun 1-6pm

The Palo Alto Historical Association
Palo Alto History Room
www.paloa.org

The Palo Alto Art Center
1355 Grand Ave
Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm
Fri-Sat 10am-9pm
Sun 1-6pm