

ILGENSTRASSE 11/15, 8032 ZÜRICH

## **Arbeitsgruppe Schulwegsicherheit**

## Information about school journey

In Zurich children normally walk to Kindergarten or School without an adult. The walk to or from school is a great learning environment for children: They enjoy their independence, meet other children and learn important road safety skills.

Please avoid doing the school run by car. It will deprive your child of these valuable experiences as well as the physical exercise. Also, the additional motorised traffic endangers other children on their walk to and from school.

Pedestrian injuries on the school journey are rare but have to be taken seriously. Therefore, children must learn and practice road safety skills with their family, in daycare as well as at Kindergarten and School.

Most pedestrian injuries occur on road crossings. The injury risk increases in line with traffic volume and speed. To improve your child's safety, please consider the following:

- Find the safest not the quickest way to and from school. Then, always walk the same way. Practice the walk to and from school with your child. Together identify potential dangers and suitable reactions.
- Choose light, reflective clothing and bags to ensure your child is highly visible, especially during rain und when it's dark.
- Send your child to school in good time, so it does not have to rush.
- Enable your child to walk with other children.
- Kickboards, Inlineskates etc. for the school journey are not suitable for young children.

If the traffic situation is not safe for the level of your child's road safety skills, accompany it on foot so your child can gradually learn to make the journey independently.

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