

About the 7 Road Safety Social Stories.

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Here are 7 stories. The first two stories are the main stories – and perhaps all that the child may need.

- The story Vehicles on the Road discusses the term ‘vehicle.’ It also distinguishes ‘moving’ vehicles from ‘stopped’ or ‘parked’ vehicles.
- The story Five Ways to Keep Safe When Walking Along the Road lists 5 key safety practices. The final page is a summary page, which acts as a one-page reminder of them all.

The remaining five stories address each of the 5 key safety practices specifically. You can introduce all of them or only some as needed.

A gradual, ‘one-by-one’ delivery of the stories is an option. Monitor how well the child understands or accepts them. Yet some children might benefit from seeing a few or all of them at once. Let the child’s abilities and interests lead you to decide which way to go.

The idea is to deliver the stories in a positive, reassuring manner. You can treat them as you would regular children’s books. Keep them available on the book shelf, for example. Offer to read them at the usual ‘book time’ or perhaps before going outside. It’s better if *you* read them to the child – in a reassuring tone – rather than expecting the child to read them.

There is no need to bring them out on the road with you. But referring to the stories while you’re out on the road is encouraged.

These stories were created using the methods espoused by the **Carol Gray Social Story Method**. Social Stories are meant to provide children with the facts they need in a reassuring manner. The best Social Stories are adapted to the child specifically; so feel free to adapt the book, the text, the illustrations in a way that suits you and the child. For more information on the Carol Gray Social Story Method, go to www.carolgraysocialstories.com