

Don't run over people. Don't get run over.



Heads Up in Parking Lots
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Parking lots and garages can be very dangerous for both children and adults. Remember these tips to help avoid an accident:

Parents: Teach your children

- ...that **parked vehicles might move**. Always stay alert for vehicles and don't assume the driver can see you.
- ...not to exit the car by themselves, even if the doors are unlocked. If parallel parked, **always exit towards the sidewalk**.
- ...to **always hold your hand and never run in the parking lot**.
- ...to **always be aware of their surroundings-keep their head up and their eyes open**. Stay off the phone and definitely **do not text and walk**.

For Kids:

- ...**Never play with the door release lever inside the car** - it may open when it is not safe to exit.
- ...Wait for a parent or adult to open your door from the outside. **Do not exit the car by yourself**.
- ...Stay with your parents and **always hold their hand**.
- ...**Never run out of the car or chase anything** through the parking lot.
- ...**Treat the parking lot like a street**. Look both ways before crossing, use crosswalks, and always use sidewalks whenever possible.