



DRIVEWAY SAFETY

Driveway runovers are preventable



Three children are unintentionally run over every week in Australia - mostly in the driveway of their own home.

While four wheel drives and SUV's commonly feature in reversing incidents, many popular family sedans are also involved.



All vehicles have blind spots, some extending back as far as 15 metres!

Children are at high risk of injury or death in the driveway

- ! Young children are naturally inquisitive, move surprisingly fast and can run into the path of a moving vehicle without warning.
- ! From the time it takes for the driver to say goodbye and start the car, a child can move onto the driveway and into the path of the vehicle.
- ! Due to 'blind spots' a small child can be impossible to see from inside a car, especially if they are directly behind it.



Follow these safety steps to prevent driveway runovers

Supervise:

- Always supervise your children.
- Hold their hand or hold them close to keep them safe when near cars.
- If you need to move a vehicle and you are the only adult around, place your child securely in the vehicle with you while you move it.



Separate:

- Don't let your children use the driveway as a play area.
- Create safe play areas for your children by fencing off the driveway from play areas.
- Make access to the driveway from the house difficult for your children by using security doors, fencing or gates.



See:

- Always walk around the vehicle before moving it.
- Do not rely on parking sensors or a reversing camera if your vehicle has one fitted. You may not notice a small child until it is too late to stop.
- Wave goodbye from a safe place - not in the driveway.

