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## More and more children hurt in road accidents



*Police are warning parents and drivers to be more careful after the death of a child in a recent road accident.*



**1** Everyone was shocked last week when a three-year-old girl died after a car hit her in Tuen Mun. Her mother, Mrs Brown, was texting a friend while she was crossing a road with her daughter. She saw the car coming and stopped but little Tammy did not. Unfortunately, Mrs Brown didn't notice because she was busy with her phone.

**2** Sadly, mobile phones are causing more and more accidents. Ten-year-old Johnny Leung told us, 'I was playing a game on my phone while I was crossing the road. I wasn't paying attention to the traffic. A cyclist crashed into me. I fell and banged my head and broke my arm.' The cyclist was wearing a helmet and didn't hurt himself. Johnny is now recovering in hospital and said, 'I'll never use my phone while I'm crossing the road again.'





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- 3 People should be more careful when they are crossing roads. Last month, a nine-year-old boy and his helper were trying to cross the road in Sham Shui Po. Drivers couldn't see them because they were standing between two parked cars. As they stepped into the road, a minibus had to stop quickly. Unfortunately, it still hit the pedestrians. The helper broke her leg and the boy scraped his knees and elbows.

- 4 Parents and carers should pay more attention to the children in their care and drivers should be more careful. Pedestrians should remember the safety tips below:


### Safety tips for pedestrians





 **Always** cross at a safe place — use a pedestrian crossing, a zebra crossing, a footbridge or a subway.

 **Always** look right and left and right again before you cross.



 **Never** use your phone while crossing the road.

 **Never** cross when there is a red man or the green man is flashing.

 **Never** cross between parked cars.

**Stop Accidents Before They Stop You!**



What other advice can you give pedestrians to help them avoid accidents?