



School route map

VS BIPS Krones, Graz



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Dear parents!

When it comes to safety, your child's school route presents a very special problem area. Especially for first-graders, this not only means stepping into a new world but also their first encounter with the challenges of road traffic.

Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt (AUVA) therefore strives to take measures to make school routes safer for children. One of its initiatives is this school route map which has been created with the support of the City of Graz. It is supposed to provide you with information about which school routes are suitable, where recommended crossing points are located and where your children have to be extra careful.

This map is based on problem zones in the school's surroundings stated by the parents of children attending the BIPS Krones elementary school which are also supposed to serve the City of Graz with reviewing structural traffic safety measures.

AUVA school route tips

Structural and traffic-regulating measures make school routes safer! However you, the parents, are also called upon: Through consistent traffic training, you can significantly contribute to your child's safety on its way to school.

Safely practising the school route!

Walk the school route with your child and explain to it what makes certain points dangerous and what it needs to pay attention to as a pedestrian. Practise problem points (see school route map) particularly well. Next time, let your child guide you and have it talk about its behaviour while it does so. Thus, you can test whether it has understood everything correctly and take corrective action, if necessary.



Regularly practising together is important!

The first time alone!

Every child is different and so is every school route. This is why there is no definitive age from which you can let your child walk alone. Nevertheless, there is one rule of thumb: Practise with your child and accompany it until you are sure that it can reliably handle the school route alone.

See and be seen

Eye contact between vehicle drivers and children is particularly important: They can only stop if they have actually seen the child and a child can only cross safely if it can judge in a timely manner whether the road is clear or the vehicle driver has stopped. This is why it should avoid crossing at difficult-to-judge places or blind spots such as between parked cars and shrubs or in front of corners and crests.

The crowning achievement: Crossing a roadway

If possible, look for a safe place to cross, even if that means incorporating a detour. The best places are those equipped with traffic lights, where crossing guards are on duty, traffic islands, road surface elevations,

extended pavement areas, zebra crossings. Should no crossing aids be available, apply the following: Select a place to cross where you have a clear view of the road and always stop at the pavement's edge. Only start walking once the road is clear or all cars - coming from both directions - have stopped.

Bright clothing increases safety

Make sure your child is seen in time when negotiating road traffic. Especially in autumn and winter, when it is still dark in the morning or in foggy weather, bright clothing is advantageous. An even better effect can be achieved with reflectors on clothing and school bags. Thus equipped, children can be seen by car drivers from a distance of 130 metres.



Safety through visibility!

Foreword

The first path to independence!

The journey to school is much more than just a distance that is required to be covered. It is the first path to mobile independence – a journey full of discovery, an adventure and at the same time a joint project.

A first educational trail for a safe and self-confident mobility in the day-to-day life of the city. The school route maps can help to make these first experiences safe and to recognize and avoid danger zones. We hope this is a motivation and help for parents, as well as for children, so that the journey to school can be seen as an enrichment and can be met with joy.

Judith Schwentner, vice-mayor



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School

The BIPS-Krones elementary school is located in the centre of Graz between Münzgrabenstraße and Kastelfeldgasse. The speed limit in the school's area is 30 kilometres per hour. Almost everywhere in the close vicinity of the school, pedestrians find protected traffic areas in the form of pavements on both sides of the road. For safety reasons, access to the elementary school from Münzgrabenstraße is closed. The entrance is located in Kastelfeldgasse since traffic here is much calmer than in Münzgrabenstraße.

The pedestrian crossing in Münzgrabenstraße is equipped with a push-button traffic light. We generally recommend crossing busy roads at points equipped with traffic lights. Children taking public transportation should avoid changing at Jakominiplatz, if possible.

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Jakominiplatz:

If possible, avoid this square because it is very busy. Always pay attention to tramways; they always have the right of way! Do not cross the road between stationary buses or tramways. You could be overlooked easily when doing so. Best cross when you have a clear view of the road.

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Dietrichsteinplatz:

Avoid using the zebra crossing to cross Münzgrabenstraße! Traffic is very heavy at this point and the road is very wide. You should walk all the way to the school and cross the road at the push-button traffic light. Wait until your light has turned green and the cars have stopped. This route is slightly longer, but much safer, too.



Map basis: GIS Province of Styria

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School

Recommended school route

Dangerous points:



Caution

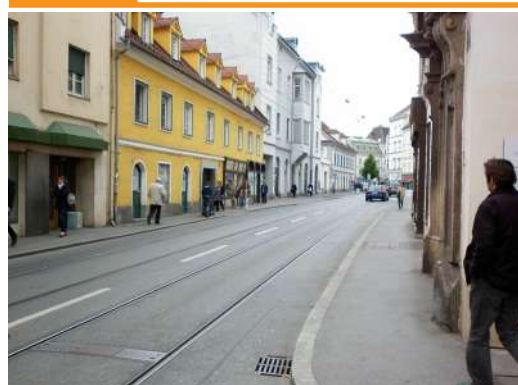
Increased caution

Danger! Avoid crossing!



Public transport stop

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Münzgrabenstraße

Lots of people are walking here and the pavement is very narrow in places. Walk as close as possible to the walls of the buildings. When walking with other children, walk behind one another. Under no circumstances step onto the road! If a lorry or bus is approaching, stop in a wider area and wait until it has passed, if possible.

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Schießstattgasse - parked cars

Pay attention when passing behind the back of parked cars. If someone is sitting behind the steering wheel and the tail lights are illuminated in white, the car is about to reverse out of its parking space. In case you are not sure whether the car's driver has seen you or not, better stop and let the car reverse out of its parking space.

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Pedestrian crossing at Ortweinplatz

You have to cross two roads when using the zebra crossing at this point. Stop at the side of the road and look in both directions, as usual. First, cross one road and stop before crossing the second one. Look in both directions once more. You may only cross if the road is clear or the cars have stopped for you.

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Conrad-v.-Hötzendorf-Str., in the area of the tax revenue service ("Finanzamt")

Here, you have to apply caution three times: When crossing the road, the tramway line and the bicycle path. Stop before crossing every single road section and look in both directions. Pay special attention to tramways. If you are not sure what to do, better take a detour and cross the road at the traffic light at Grazbachgasse.