

Role of the pedestrian patroller

Pedestrian patrollers make sure their fellow students make it safely across streets and crosswalks. They may also escort Trottibus walkers to school.



Responsibilities of the pedestrian patroller

Your responsibilities may vary, but they generally include:

- **Waiting:**
When no students need to cross, stand on the sidewalk or shoulder facing the road and watch traffic.
- **Pedestrian control:**
As students approach to cross, stay facing the street but raise your arms about 45 degrees to signal students to wait. Then check the traffic in both directions.
- **Student crossing:**
When the coast is clear, lower your arms and step aside to let your fellow students cross. Remind them not to run and to stay attentive while crossing. Never stand in the middle of the street or block traffic to let students cross. But if a parked car or other obstacle is blocking your view, you can take a few steps into the street to get a better look, without going all the way.
- **With an adult crossing guard:**
If you're working with an adult crossing guard at an intersection, follow their instructions. Have your fellow students wait on the sidewalk until you get the crossing guard's signal that it's safe to cross.
- **With a Trottibus:**
Walk in the middle of the group or wherever you're needed. Escort younger students by carrying their heavy bags, helping them cross the street, etc. You can also liven up the Trottibus trek by leading a song or giving them a road safety quiz. Make walking fun!

What is a Trottibus?

Trottibus is a walking bus that provides a safe, structured way for elementary school students to walk to school. It also cuts back on the number of cars near schools—another good safety measure!

The Canadian Cancer Society initiated the program to encourage young people to develop healthy habits and walk regularly.

School safety patrollers who go with the Trottibus help adult volunteers escort children to school.

How do you start a Trottibus?

Visit the Trottibus website to find out everything you need to know about registering for a Trottibus, starting one for your school, or volunteering.