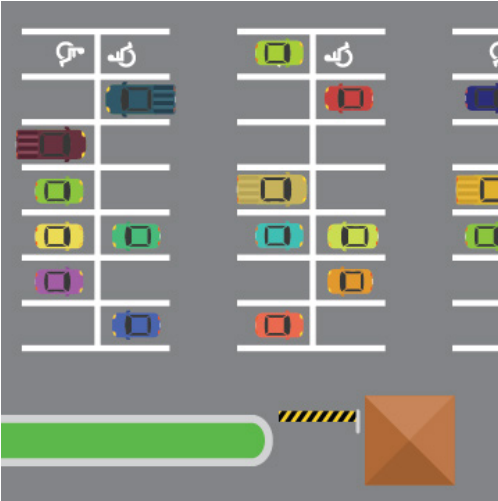


Being Safe in the Parking Lot



A parking lot is a place where cars, buses, vans, and motorcycles park. When we drive to places with other people, our vehicles stay parked in parking lots while we are busy inside. Big parking lots have a lot of vehicles in the parking spaces and small parking lots have just a few.



We park in parking lots when we go to the store, doctor's office, movie theater, apartment, mall, or school. Since many other people go to these places too, I must know what to do when I'm in a parking lot.

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I can get out of the vehicle once it is parked. If I am in a car, I look to make sure I will not hit another vehicle with my door. Then I can open the door and get out of the car. I always stay close to my car when I get out so I can look to see what is moving in the parking lot.



Before I walk through the parking lot, I look to the left, right, and left again to make sure there are no vehicles coming. If it is safe to go, I walk close to the parked cars. As I walk through the parking lot, I look for vehicles that are backing up out of parking spaces or turning into parking spaces.

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When I get to the end of the row of vehicles, I have to cross a part of the parking lot that is similar to a road to get into the building. So, I stop, look to the left, to the right, and then to the left again. If I don't see any vehicles coming, I can safely cross the street. If vehicles are coming, I need to stop and wait for them to leave before walking toward the building.



When I leave a building, I have to stop and look to the left, to the right, and to the left again before continuing into the parking lot. While I walk back to the car, I watch for cars backing out of parking spaces or turning into open parking spaces. When I get to the car, I open the car door and get in the car. When I look for cars and walk safely, I am safe in the parking lot!