



# Be Careful!



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## **About Driving on the Right Side of the Road**

This publication is a part of the Driving on the Right Side of the Road (DRSR) program, developed by the Law-Related Education Department of the State Bar of Texas, Law Focused Education, Inc., and the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center with funding from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the Texas Department of Transportation. These organizations are very concerned about traffic safety in Texas communities. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 5-20 year olds in the United States. Young children are often hurt if they do not sit in a booster seat, do not wear their safety belt, do not obey traffic signals, or fail to wear protective equipment when bicycling, rollerblading, or skateboarding. The purpose of the DRSR program is to offer a preventive educational resource to encourage responsible decision-making and adherence to safe practices when children are in a car, on the street, or out in public.

DRSR has created a series of lessons for social studies classes at the elementary and secondary levels on citizenship education and traffic safety. The program is aligned with the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills), which all students are tested on in Texas public schools. Upper grade level lessons use student-centered, interactive strategies to teach traffic safety while studying city, state, and national government, the three branches of government, and the responsibilities of citizenship. Elementary lessons also use traffic safety content to teach language arts and math skills. Traffic safety games and information are also available on the DRSR website.

DRSR's Information Sheets provide teachers with background information about traffic laws and municipal court. DRSR can assist teachers in contacting local municipal judges, court support personnel, and city prosecutors to ask them to serve as resource persons in the classroom. Resource persons can bring the lessons alive by providing real life or hypothetical examples, accurate descriptions of what the law requires, and serve as positive role models for students.

We thank you for using these materials in your classrooms.

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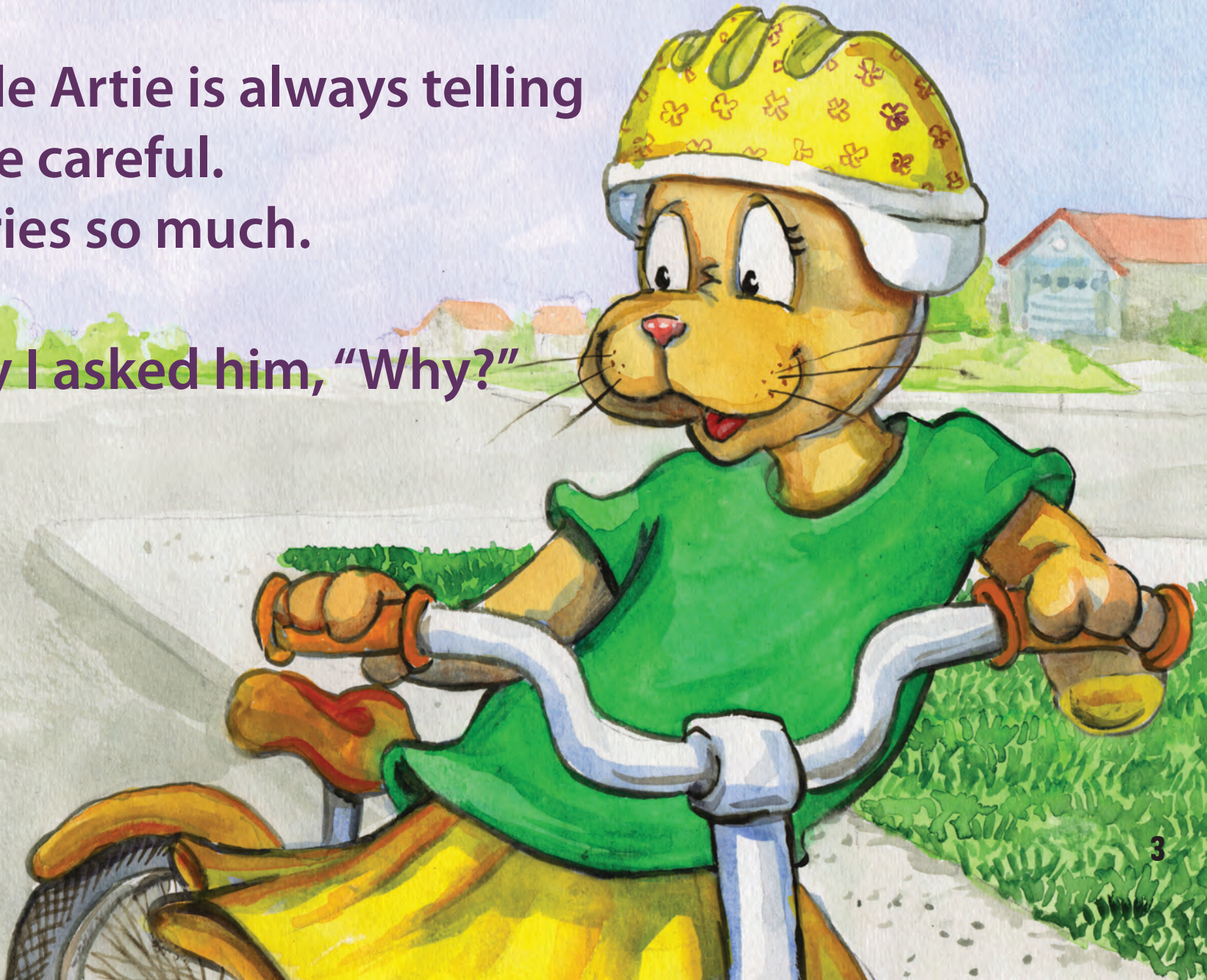




**BE CAREFUL, LULU!!!**

**My Uncle Artie is always telling  
me to be careful.  
He worries so much.**

**One day I asked him, "Why?"**









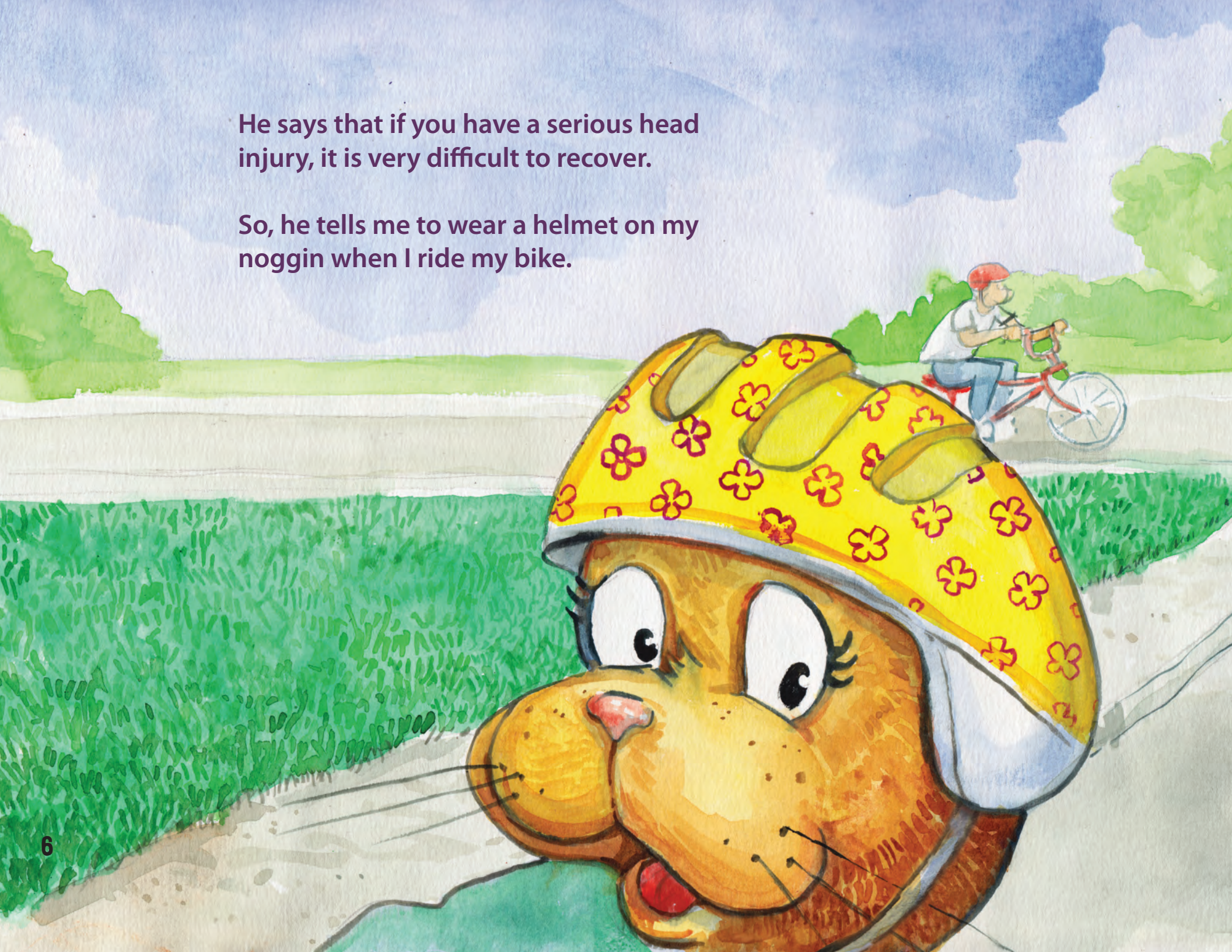
He said he'd seen a lot of adults and youngsters hurt for no good reason in car crashes for driving too fast or not paying attention or for not buckling up.





He says that if you have a serious head injury, it is very difficult to recover.

So, he tells me to wear a helmet on my noggin when I ride my bike.







Also, to strap on wrist guards and kneepads, as well as a helmet, when rollerblading or skateboarding.

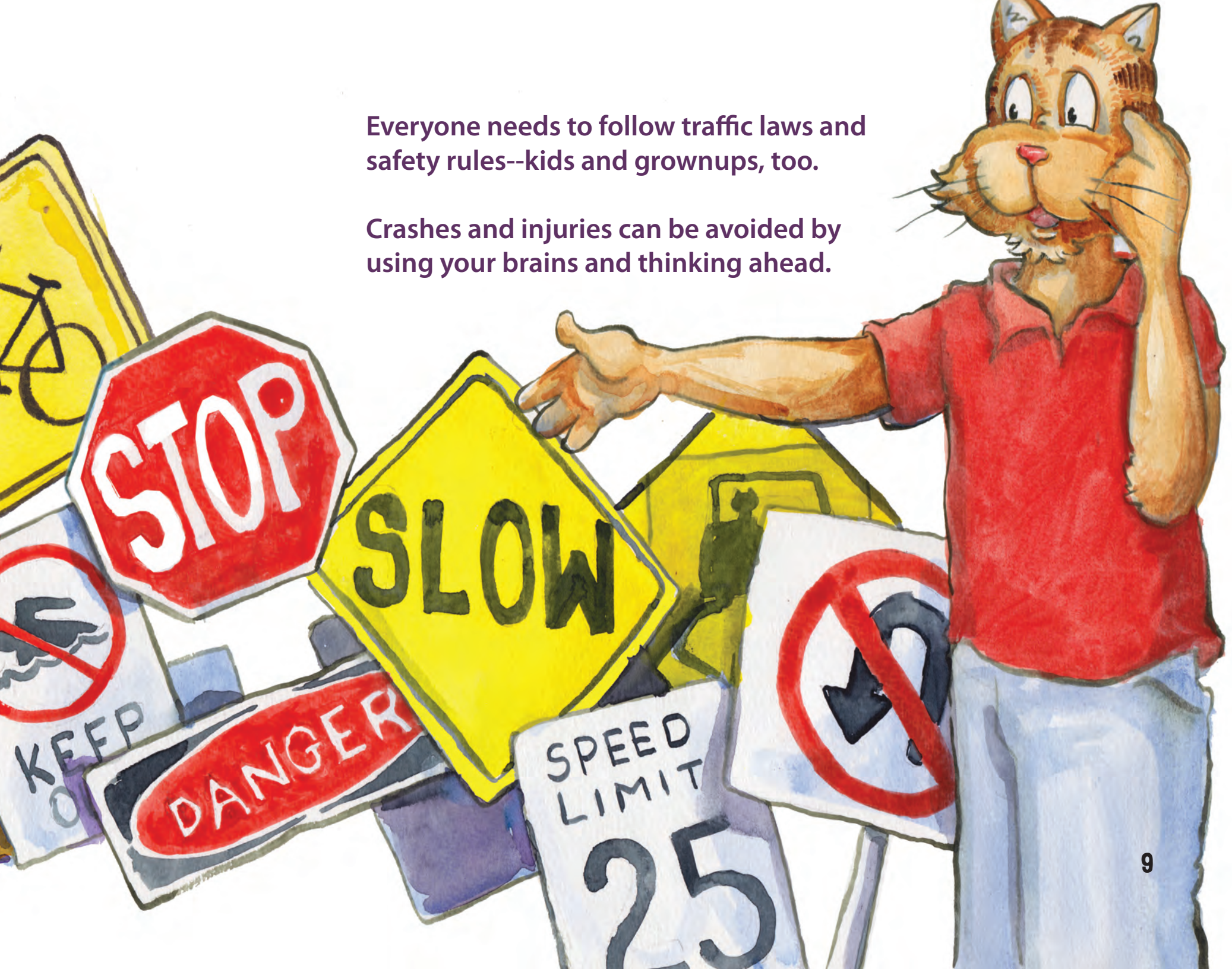






Everyone needs to follow traffic laws and safety rules--kids and grownups, too.

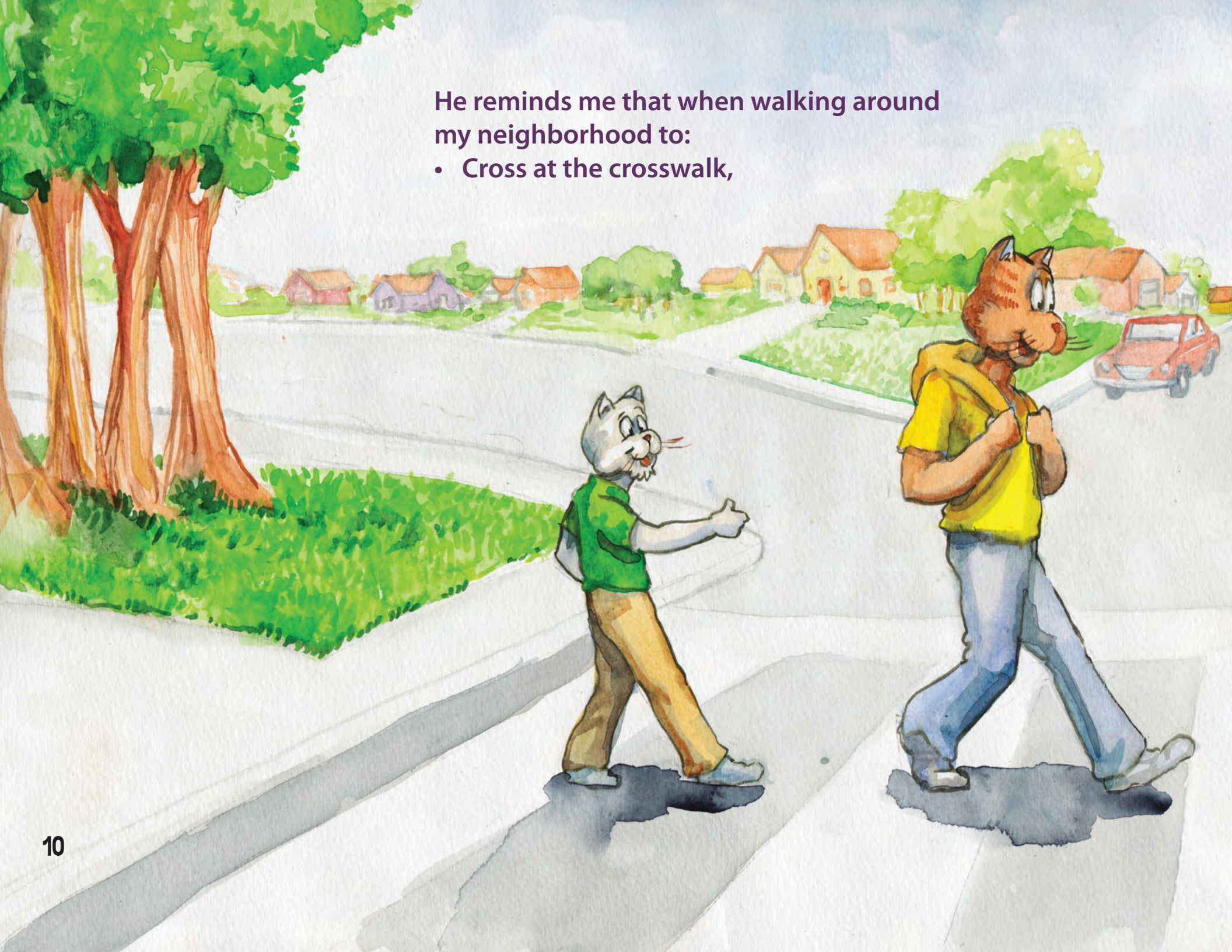
Crashes and injuries can be avoided by using your brains and thinking ahead.





He reminds me that when walking around  
my neighborhood to:

- Cross at the crosswalk,





- Stay on the sidewalk, and
- Not to talk to or accept rides from strangers.





On a bus remember to:



• Use the handrail to get on & off,

• Stand back at least 5 feet from the curb,

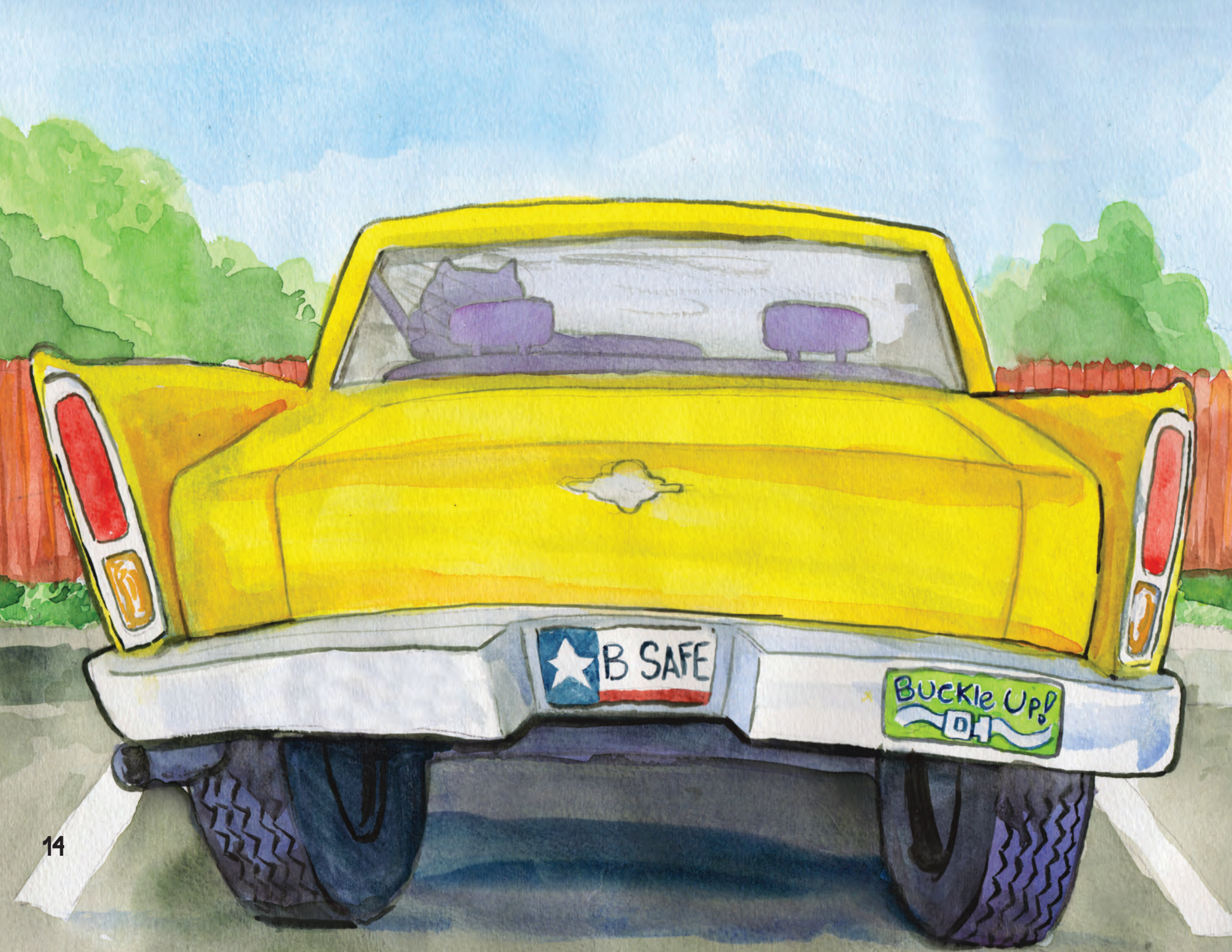


• Listen to the bus driver, and

• Cross the street 10 steps in front of the bus so the driver can see you.









Also, remember that parking lots, or anywhere motorists have to back up, are especially dangerous.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," my uncle said. Then he asked me, "Who said that?"

It was Ben Franklin and he lived to be 84 years old.





My uncle says that TV shows too often don't show the costs of crashes. Injuries don't just magically go away like in our favorite cartoons.

Uncle Artie said the saddest thing is that you cannot turn back the clock.

He means that you can't take back physical injury, like you can when you erase a misspelled word.











Uncle Artie says that there are lots of jingles to help you remember:





Turn around, don't drown.



Be alert, crashes hurt.



Be safe, not sorry.









He says he loves me and my baby brother Lolo.  
He hopes we will be careful and grow up to have  
happy, long lives--just like Ben Franklin.

He gave me all of his and Aunt Francesca's telephone  
numbers so I can call them if I ever feel unsafe.

He says danger never takes a vacation.  
Although we all wish we could give  
danger a one-way ticket elsewhere, it is  
here to stay.





**So, be careful, Lulu!**







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