



TURTLE
CROSSING!



How did the turtle cross the road?
Sometimes with the help of a friendly human!

*If YOU want to be that human, here are some tips
– keeping in mind YOUR safety comes first!*

ALWAYS move a turtle toward the direction it's facing.

NEVER pick a turtle up by its tail.

Small turtles can be picked up at the top of its shell, carefully placing your fingers in the space between the front and hind legs. This will NOT work on a snapping turtles (look for a spikey tail) since its neck is very long and it can reach halfway back its shell.

Larger turtles with a 6 – 12 inch shell should be picked up on the back of the top shell just above the tail, and behind the hind legs.

Twelve-inch shells require both hands. Place one hand on the back of the top shell just above the tail, and behind the hind legs. The other hand is then carefully placed on the front of the turtle's top shell directly above and behind the turtle's head.

Gloves are recommended for moving larger turtles in order to protect your hands. **Watch out, they can have a strong odor...pee-yew!**

