

Intersections Galore!

Overview

Students will identify different types of intersections and learn how to make smart decisions to be safe in the streets. By viewing the pedestrian safety video *Walk This Way*, reading informational text, performing skits, students will become aware of potential safety hazards and understand the importance of being safe and following the rules of the road.

Supplies



- ✓ *Walk This Way* pedestrian safety video
(included, or use link to video)
- ✓ Info Sheets

Activity: Pedestrian Safety

Time: 20 Minutes

Ask the following questions as a warm up to watching the pedestrian safety video.

- What helps pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists stay safe?
- What makes it hard for pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists to stay safe?

- What is an intersection?
- How can people stay safe while crossing at an intersection?

View the video *Walk This Way* about pedestrian safety. **Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-t2oX6zQEyU>

- After viewing the DVD, ask students to turn to a partner and share what they learned about intersections, safety, and the rules of the road.

Discussion Questions

- What were the most important points that you learned from the video?
- Which way should you look first and why? (*You should look left because those are the cars that are closest to you.*)
- How many times do you look and in which directions? (*3 times: left, right and left again. You look left again in case there are any cars that have come while you were looking right.*)
- If you are walking where there are no sidewalks, where is the safest place to walk? (*Walk along the edge of the street facing traffic so that drivers can see you and you can see cars coming.*)
- Ask students if there are any rules or reminders they would like to see added to the videos.



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Safety at Intersections Information

Crossing at a Crosswalk

Crosswalks are the safest places to cross because drivers expect pedestrians to cross there. Cars don't always stop at crosswalks, so it is your job to be sure it is safe to cross.

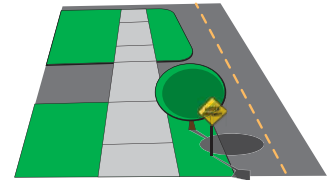
- Always look left, right, left before crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers if you can.
- Use your hand to signal a car to "stop" if it is appropriate.



Hidden Driveways

Hidden driveways are driveways that are hard to see due to an obstacle such as a bush or fence. They can be dangerous because oftentimes cars backing out have a limited view.

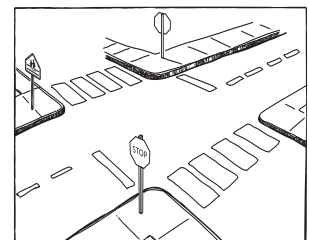
- Always stop when you get to a driveway.
- Always look left, right, left, before crossing the driveway.
- Listen carefully for sounds that might tell you a car is coming such as engines, doors closing, etc.



4-Way Intersections

4-way intersections are different than crossing from the middle of a block.

- Always look left-right-left
- Look over your shoulder in the direction where cars might be coming.
- Some 4-way intersections will have stop signs and some will have stop lights, but as a pedestrian, you still need to look all around before crossing.

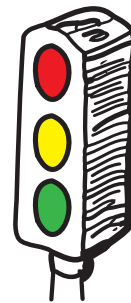


Interacting with Intersections

1. Ms. Meyers sped through an intersection at 43 miles per hour. The speed limit was 25 miles per hour. How many miles per hour over the speed limit was Ms. Meyer's driving?



2. Jesse walked up to a 4-way intersection with a stoplight. He waited 36 seconds for the light to change before he crossed straight across the street. Then he waited 35 seconds for the light to change before he crossed left. How many total seconds did Jesse spend waiting for lights to change?



3. Sabrina and Silas decided to take a survey of the driveways in their neighborhood. They counted 82 total driveways. 25 of the driveways were hidden. How many driveways were not hidden?

