

STATION 7: Pedestrian Safety

Recommended Age Group: Kindergarten - Grade 8

Mode: ALL

Learning Objective

Participants will learn about guidelines when crossing crosswalks, and safety rules to keep safe when walking to school.

- Before crossing students should STOP, LOOK ALL WAYS and LISTEN.
- Follow Pedestrian Signals - be sure to cross at crosswalks, and use intersection signals when available.
- Cross only when the driver has fully stopped.
- Make eye contact with the driver before stepping out onto the road.

Planning for this Station

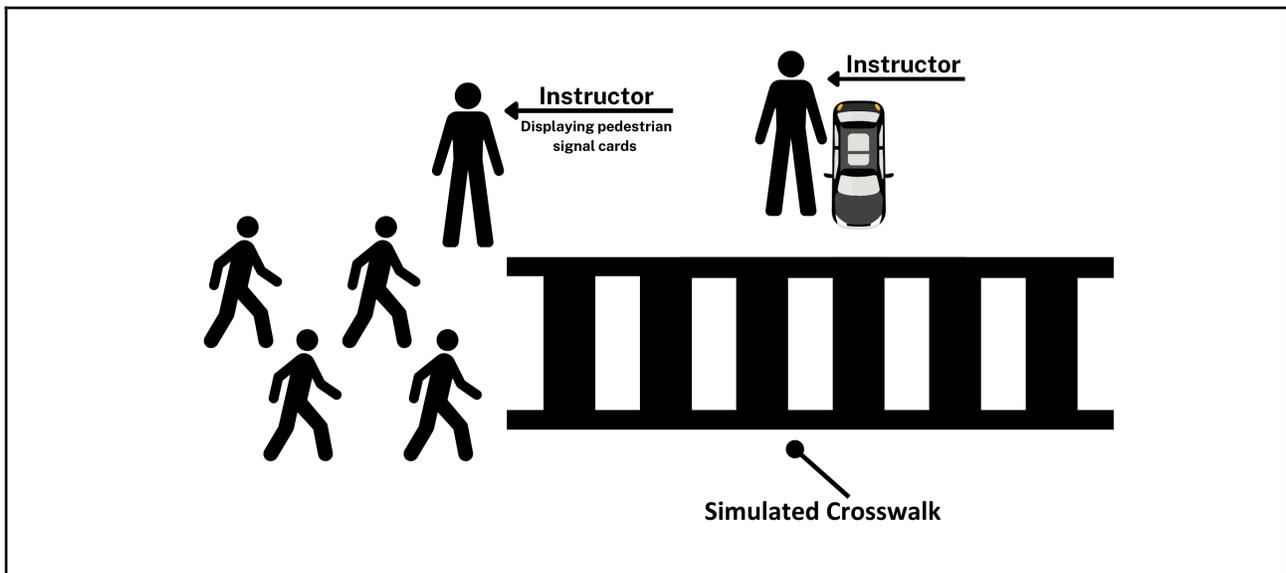
Time: 5 minutes

Recommended # of students per group: 10

Equipment: Sidewalk chalk (outdoors), painters tape (indoors), pedestrian signal cards

Number of Leaders required: 1-2

Set Up



What You Need To Know

- When walking, the safest place to walk is on the sidewalk or path.
- Safest Place to Cross the Street/Road: Cross where there is a Crossing Guard, crosswalk or a traffic light.



Source Credit: Government of Ontario, 2021



Source Credit: Region of Peel, 2019

Instructions

1. Review what pedestrian signals are and explain the different signal cards.
2. One leader leads the group to the crosswalk and stops one step behind the crosswalk.
3. Before crossing, have students LOOK ALL WAYS (left, right, left, and then have them do a shoulder check behind).
4. Have the students LISTEN for oncoming traffic, sirens, etc.
5. The other leader (or choose a student) will pretend to be a driver in the car. Have the students make eye contact with drivers, and make sure the car has stopped.
6. When the intersection is clear and safe, students will walk across the crosswalk.
7. Once all students have crossed safely, discuss the Final Discussion Points below.

Final Discussion Points

1. BE ALERT (aware of your surroundings), BE VISIBLE (wear bright clothing, reflective materials).
2. The safest place to walk is on the sidewalk or path.
3. Before crossing, students should STOP, LOOK ALL WAYS and LISTEN.
4. Safest place to cross the road is at a crosswalk, with a crossing guard or at a traffic light.

Source: MTO - Young Cyclists Guide, 2010