

# Crossing the Street

Grades K-2. 50 minutes. Classroom and school yard.

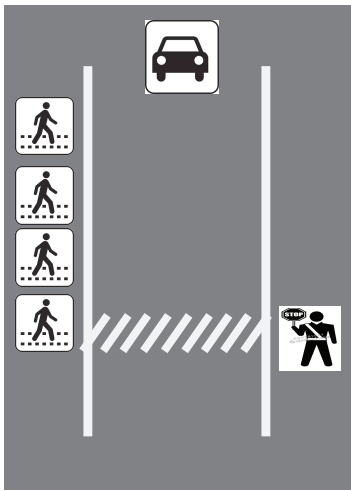
## Task

Students learn how to safely cross the street through an interactive role-play activity.

## Big Ideas

- ! Our community is made up of buildings, roads and natural spaces.
- ! There are ways to be safe when walking around my **neighborhood**.
- ! We should follow the simple safety steps when crossing the street.

### Sample Street Scene



Consider inviting your local Crossing Guard to be a part of the exercise.

## Lesson Outline

### Before the Lesson

Gather materials and make 2 or 3 steering wheels.  
Use sidewalk chalk to draw the 'street scene'.

### Materials

sidewalk chalk  
safety vest, stop sign  
and whistle  
steering wheels  
'Steps to Safe Crossing'  
cards

### Minds On

Ask your students to describe their neighborhood. It is made up of houses, lawns, sidewalks, roads, parks, etc. Ask students to raise their hand if they had to cross a road on their way to school this morning.

Explain that there are many roads in our neighborhood and that we can use 6 simple steps to stay safe on the street. These steps are used by people of all ages, and can keep you safe when walking, biking, skating or even getting out of your car.

### Main

Stand at one side of the 'street' with your students. Have an adult helper pretend to be a car (i.e. hold a steering wheel). Model how NOT to cross the road (e.g. NOT at **crosswalk**, NOT looking and listening). Work with students to find the 6 steps. Introduce the cards as you introduce each step.

Ask for six volunteer card holders and line them up where everyone can see. Have two students act as cars. Have one student act as the **crossing guard**.

Let pairs of students try to cross the street using the 6 Steps. The card holders help keep an eye on whether the students are using the 6 steps. If they are, the volunteers hold their card up above their head. Offer other **pedestrian** safety considerations (e.g. cross at corner or crosswalk, thank your crossing guard, never run out between parked cars)

### Consolidation

Review the 6 steps and new vocabulary using pictures, a word wall or a dance!

### Steps to Safe Crossing

**FIND AN ADULT:** Children under 9 should ALWAYS cross with an adult.

**STOP:** Stop at every road. Cross the road at a crosswalk or intersection

**LOOK:** Look for traffic. Look LEFT, then RIGHT, then LEFT again.

**LISTEN:** Listen for traffic. Use your ears as well as your eyes when crossing the street.

**WAIT:** Wait for all traffic to stop. Don't assume all vehicles will stop.

**LOOK SOME MORE:** Make eye contact with stopped drivers. Keep looking left and right as you cross the street.

# Steps to Safe Crossing Cards

Full-page images can be found at: [www.peterboroughmoves.com](http://www.peterboroughmoves.com)



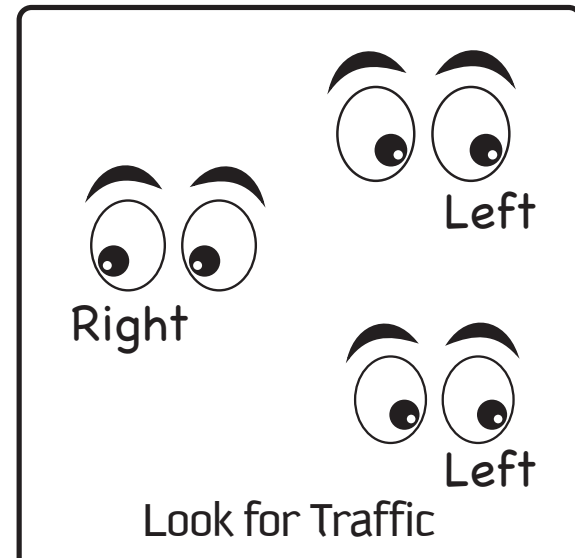
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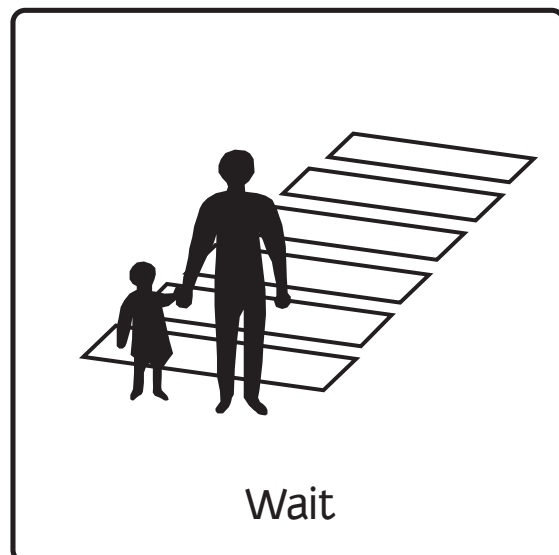
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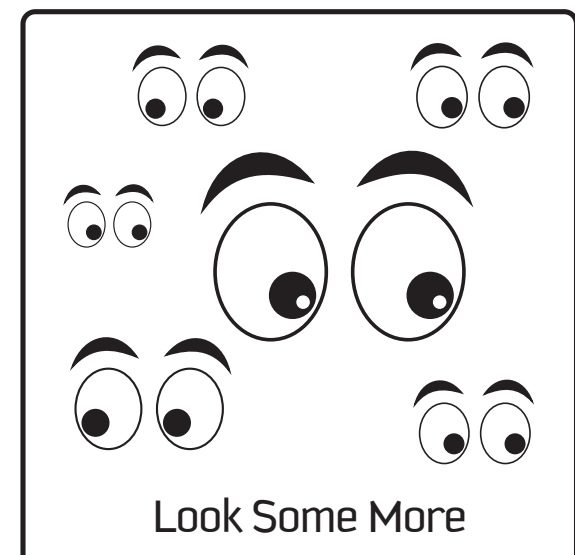
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Steps to Safe Crossing Cards : Step 4



Steps to Safe Crossing Cards : Step 5



Steps to Safe Crossing Cards : Step 6