



Educator Guide: Safe Paths Game

Recommended for Grades:

5th and 6th grades

Time:

5 minutes

Prerequisites:

For students to be successful in the game, they would benefit from participating in the following lessons:

- Crossing Safety Lesson
- Bus and Train Safety Lesson

National Health Education Standards:

This activity aligns with the following National Health Education Standards:

- Standard 5: Use a decision-making process to support health and well-being of self and others.

For more information about the National Health Education Standards, visit the SHAPE America website: shapeamerica.org.

Learning Objective:

After completing this game students will be able to:

1. Choose the safer route when shown two or more options.

Game Description:

In this game students will need to find the safest route to school and to their friend's house. To do that they will need to think about safely crossing at corners, using traffic signals or crosswalks, watching out for driveways and choose a route that has less traffic.



Vocabulary:

Use the following list of vocabulary as a reference for yourself or your students as you complete the Safe Paths Game. You may choose to use this list in any way that fits your needs.

- Alley – a narrow path or passageway that runs between or behind buildings
- Crosswalk – a place designated for pedestrians to cross the road
- Driveway – a short, private road that leads from a public road to a home or garage
- Intersection – where two or more streets cross
- Median – a median separates the opposing directions of the roadway and can be used as a place for pedestrians to wait halfway through crossing until the pedestrian walk signal comes on again
- Pedestrian signals – signals at intersections that direct pedestrians when to cross the street
- Stoplight – a traffic signal that typically has three lights (red, yellow and green) that tell drivers when to go (green), use caution (yellow) or stop (red)
- Stop sign – a traffic signal that tells drivers to stop
- Traffic signals – things like stoplights and stop signs that tell drivers when to stop, which makes it safer for pedestrians to cross the street

Handouts

Included on the following pages are additional resources that you and your students' families may find useful.



Pedestrian Safety Resources for Families and Educators

Safe Kids WI, <https://www.safekidswi.org/Resources/Pedestrian-Safety>

Safe Kids Worldwide, <https://www.safekids.org/walkingsafelytips>

Safe Routes to School, <https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/safe-routes-school>

WI Department of Transportation Safety,
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/education/pedestrian/default.aspx>

US DOT, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA),
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety>



Transcript

Instructions

Your mission is to find the safest route from your house to school. Think about safely crossing at corners, using traffic signals or crosswalks, watching out for driveways and choosing a route that has less traffic. Safe travels and good luck on your mission.

To move, click on the arrow on the compass in the direction you would like to go. You will then move in that direction until you reach the next street corner or location where you'll need to choose another direction.

Level 1 correct

Congratulations, you made it! Your mission is complete. You chose the safest path, crossing only at corners, using traffic signals or crosswalks and walking on quieter streets with no driveways.

Try your skill level at finding another safe route.

Level 2 instructions

Find the safest path from your friend's house to your house. Remember to be careful crossing train tracks. Make sure to cross at corners using traffic signals or crosswalks. Also, watch out for driveways and choose the route that has less traffic. Safe travels and good luck on your mission.

Level 2 correct

You chose the safest route. Great job! Although it was not the most direct route, you chose less-busy streets without driveways. Remember to do the same when you're walking around in real life too.

Try again

You made it, but your mission was to find the safest route. You chose a route with busy streets and driveways. Remember, the safest route may not always be the most direct, or quickest. Try again to find the safest route.





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