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Civics 4 Kids!

Pedestrian and Road Safety

Pedestrian: A person walking along a road or in a developed area like a parking lot or park.

Many students walk to and from school. It's very important to understand how to stay safe when walking. The simple road safety guidelines in this worksheet can prevent serious accidents from happening while walking.

Road Safety:

- Look right, look left, then look right again before crossing the road.
- Always cross streets at corners where there are crosswalks and traffic signals that tell you when it is safe to walk.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them. Make sure they come to a full stop before you cross.
- Don't run near a road, run into the street, or cross between parked cars.
- Always face the traffic if you're walking on roads with no sidewalk (or look for a safer road to use that has sidewalks).
- Make sure you understand what traffic signs and traffic lights mean.
- Get out of the car on the side where the sidewalk is or in a safe parking spot.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard and get off your bike, scooter, or skateboard before you walk across roads.
- Be alert for cars that are turning or backing up.
- Younger children should walk to school with a buddy or parent/guardian.
- If there is crossing guard, wait for them to help you cross the road safely.

Don't Cross the Road Distracted:

- Put phones and devices down when crossing the street.
- Don't wear headphones when you're walking around in public.
- Look out for people who may not be paying attention and speak up when you see someone who is in danger.
- If you need to use your cell phone, stop walking and find a safe area to stop and talk.



A Questionnaire to Test Your Knowledge:

What to do before crossing the street?

- A. Look right, look left, then look right again before crossing the road
- B. Always cross streets where there are traffic signals and crosswalks
- C. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them
- D. All of the above

When walking on a road with no sidewalk, you should:

- A. Walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- B. Walk on the right side of the road with traffic
- C. Walk down the middle if there is no traffic
- D. All of the above

While crossing the street, you should:

- A. Always keep watching for traffic
- B. Wait until all cars have stopped
- C. Not be distracted
- D. All of the above



Discussion Points:

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Answer Key

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It is okay if the student does not know the answers, and you can help them by talking through the answers below.

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Answers will vary but may include that some drivers might not see you, or they might not be paying attention to the road.