

# Activity Suggestions

The following activities can be used in your classroom to aid you in your traffic safety discussions and lesson plans.

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- Assemble desks into a simulated intersection and have students practice safety rules for crossing the street.
  - Have students practice safety rules when crossing hallway intersections while walking to other areas of school.
  - Have students make a list or collect pictures of things they should be looking for when doing a shoulder check. (cars, bikes, trucks, fire engines, ambulances, motorcycles, etc.)
  - Use the chalkboard or a flip chart diagram of a street and intersection to have students demonstrate four basic rules of bike riding.
  - Have students practice the hand signals (left turn, right turn and stop signals) both at their desks and in the hallways while going to lunch, recess, etc.
  - Review bike route signs (green with white arrows) with students.
  - Practice the bike "left" turn on a chalkboard street diagram.
  - Use the bike portion of the Safety City video to illustrate turn signals.
  - Using a chalkboard or flip chart, draw an intersection with one street having five lanes including a continuous left turn lane. The other street should have two lanes and should be two-way traffic. Use toy cars to have students demonstrate which lane to use for various traffic situations.
  - Have students construct a "seatbelt" from materials brought from home (an old belt, etc.). Have students wear their "seatbelts" at their desk during Safety City instruction.
  - Using masking tap/chalk, create a Safety City course on the carpet / concrete for practicing hand signals and lane usage.

- Make a Safety City notebook. Possible items to include: safety rules, safety road signs, information sheets, worksheets, quizzes and test.
- Have students construct traffic signs using construction paper.
- Safety Story Starters: Use the listed words and have the children write a story about safety or create your own list of words:
  - Pedestrian, vehicle, bicycle, traffic, yield, red, one way, signs, intersection, driver
  - Obey crosswalk, speed limit, exit, car, rules, caution
  - Signal, stop sign, seat belt, safety, traffic light, bicycle