

Dramatic Play Plan

Fall: Traffic Safety

MATERIALS

- ✓ Yellow/White Construction Paper (for crosswalk stripes)
- ✓ Traffic Lights
- ✓ Stop Sign for Crossing Guard to Hold
- ✓ Reflective Safety Vest
- ✓ Maps
- ✓ Steering Wheels

SETUP

1. Designate a crosswalk area with a traffic light and crosswalk signals.
2. Designate a road a road area for drivers and sidewalk for bicyclists and pedestrians.

ROLES:

- Pedestrian
- Crossing Guard
- Bicyclist
- Pedestrian
- Car Driver

Intro: "Once upon a time there was a little boy who wanted to ride his bike to the park. He was so excited to ride his bike on the sidewalk! Before he left, he made sure to put on a helmet. On the way to the park he saw Crossing Guards, Pedestrians, and Car Drivers.

Today we're going to be learning about being safe when we're walking or riding our bikes out near the street. Crossing Guards help children cross the busy street safely. Pedestrians are people walking on the crosswalk. Car Drivers drive their cars on the road"

ACTIVITY 1 - PLAN DESTINATION

Have the bicyclists and pedestrians plan where they want to go using a map. Talk about how they will get to their destination.

ACTIVITY 2 - CROSSING THE STREET

Act out different scenarios for crossing the street and discuss how to do so safely.

- "Look both ways before you cross the street. First left, then right, then left again".
- "Wait until the light is green".
- "It is safe to cross now".

Expansions

- "Oh no a car is speeding too fast down the road. What do we do?"
- "A bus is pulling up and letting kids out. What do we do?"

ACTIVITY 3 - CLEAN UP

The children and volunteers help to clean up the dramatic play area.