

# Hands up survey for 5-11 year olds



Road casualties are the biggest killer of young people around the world.

This survey is designed for schools to use with groups of 5-11 year-olds, to get their views on how safe they think roads in their area are.

To carry out the survey, simply ask for a show of hands for each question, marking the number of students that answer yes or no in the boxes, encouraging everyone to give honest answers.

We recommend you run this survey as part of a lesson, workshop or class discussion on road safety to engage students in this critical topic and get them thinking about road safety.

## Discussion ideas for your lesson could include:

- What are roads like around school and home? What safety features are there and how do they help protect people?
- What are the riskiest spots for people on foot and bike? When is it hardest for drivers to see you?
- What can you do to be safer? What can drivers do to protect you? Why is walking and cycling good for you?

Get more ideas for teaching road safety at [www.roadsafetyweek.org/teachingguide](http://www.roadsafetyweek.org/teachingguide).

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

**Q1:** *Do you think roads in your neighbourhood can be dangerous for kids who are walking or cycling?*

- This number said yes  
 This number said no

**Q2:** *When walking or cycling on roads, do you ever worry you might be run over by traffic?*

- This number said yes  
 This number said no

**Q3:** *Have you ever been hit or nearly hit by a vehicle while walking or cycling?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

**Q4:** *Do you think traffic sometimes goes too fast on roads in your neighbourhood?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

**Q5:** *Do you think the route between your home and school should be made safer for kids to walk or cycle?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

**Q6:** *Do you think you would walk and cycle more if roads in your neighbourhood were safer?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

**Q7:** *Would you like to walk and cycle more, such as to get to school, go to the park, or to see friends?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

**Q8:** *Do you think more pavements, paths and crossings are needed in your area, which you could use to walk or cycle to the park or shops, to see friends or get to school?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

**Q9:** *Have you ever been in a car with a driver who you think has gone too fast?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

**Q10:** *Have you ever been in a car with a driver who was talking or texting on a phone?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

**Q11:** *Have you seen drivers on their phones in the local area?*

- This many said YES  
 This many said NO

This survey is part of [www.roadsafetyweek.org](http://www.roadsafetyweek.org), a global resource developed by Brake, the road safety charity, in partnership with insurers RSA, for anyone interested in organising a Road Safety Week, or a similar awareness-raising event, in their country, locality or organisation.

Our aim is to encourage more Road Safety Weeks to spring up around the world during the [UN's Decade of Action for Road Safety](#), and help more organisations, government agencies and communities take action to improve road safety and prevent casualties.

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