



Safe Kids Upstate Safe Schools

2019-2020 Safety Patrol Project

WATCH YOUR STEP CAMPAIGN

Project Overview

Safe Kids Upstate is proud to introduce the Road Safety Youth Leaders project for the 2019-20 school year. Originally called the “Take Action Against Distraction”. This year we will be working with our Safety Patrol students to conceptualize a campaign to educate other students in our schools around pedestrian safety. The project will be executed in two parts.

Part 1 (All can be completed within one hour)

- **(5mins) Completion of the pre survey:** This can be done just before the Safety Patrol presentation.
- **(50mins)** After the pre-test the Safety Patrol leader will review the **Safety Patrol Presentation** with the Safety Patrols. Students will learn their roles as a Safety Patrol leader as well as pedestrian safety information.
 - The goal is to help students think through the dangers of distracted walking and gain insight into how they perceive issues around pedestrian safety. The activity referenced in the presentation can be found in Appendix A
- **(5mins)** After the presentation the Safety Patrols will then take the **post survey**.
- Safety Patrol Leader will place the pre and post survey in the pre-stamped envelope to send to Safe Kids Upstate.



Part 2

- Safety Patrols commence the campaign
 - Safety Patrol students will create a poem, comic, poster, or 30-45 second video (etc.) answering the question, ***How would you teach your friends how to be safe when crossing the street?***
 - Whatever the students create should say/have **“Watch Your Step”** in the media piece.
- The Safety Patrol Leader will submit their piece/product directly to Safe Kids Upstate via email. Your video will be uploaded to the **[Safe Kids Upstate Youtube Channel](#)** and a link will be sent to you to share on your school’s web page and social media. It is anticipated that through this project, students will learn about safe pedestrian behaviors and will encourage their peers to be safe as well.



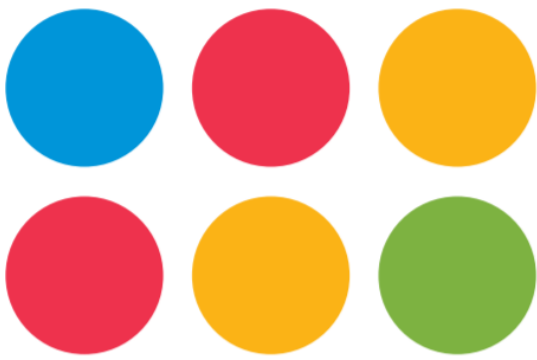
Submissions due date will be March 2, 2020



Grand Slam Selection

We are including the Grand Slam Award within this project! See below for how your school can win:

1. SKU will upload your media to YouTube and send your school’s link
2. Share the link on the school website, portals, social media, etc. to get as many views and survey completions as possible—the survey will be under the YouTube clip
3. The school with the most views and survey completion wins. Simple as 1,2,3!



Appendix A

Activity Overview (is also referenced in the presentation)

Focused on Distraction

Each Safety Patrol will walk through the taped obstacle course (see the obstacle course below) while counting the number of lines on their fingers and palm of hand. They will try to finish the course safely without going outside of the tape. This activity will demonstrate how difficult it can be walking while distracted (i.e. texting, playing a game, etc.).

Instructions:

1. Setup course as directed (you can do this prior to the Safety Patrol Presentation)
 - a. Arrange 10 horizontal lines about 17" long and leave at most one foot of space between each line (they don't have to be exact)
 - b. Create two to three medium sized balls of tape--these will be your "puddles"
 - i. place the balls in different places on the obstacle as pictured in *image B*
2. Review the directions in Safety Patrol Training slide 27
 - a. Participants will first walk through the course as they would normally walk (without distraction)
 - b. Once all participants have gone through, each safety patrol will look at their hands as they walk and count the number of lines on their hand and fingers as they walk through the course (see *images C & D*).
 - c. Discuss with safety patrols the difference between the first walk through and the second (with the distraction)



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Obstacle Course



Image A

Image B

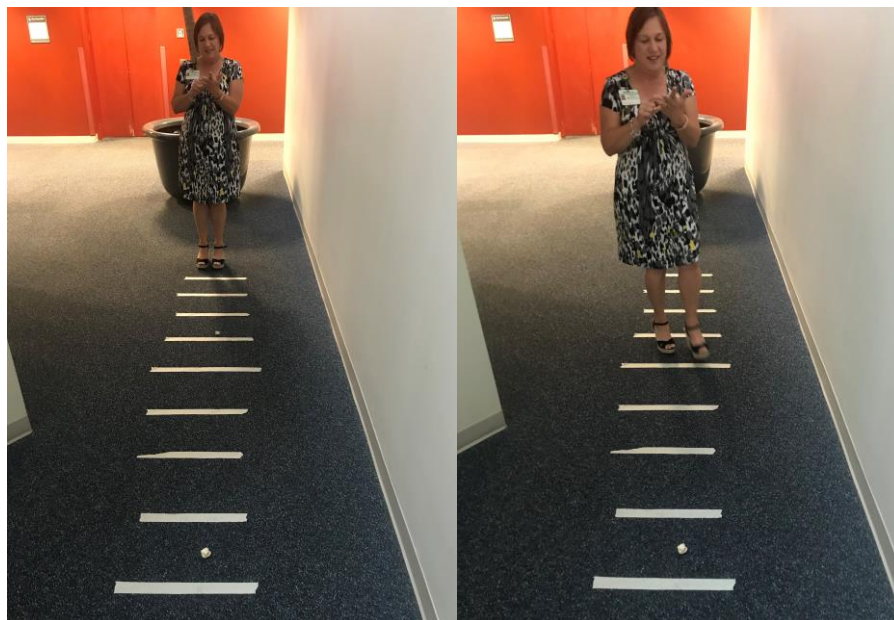


Image C

Image D



Appendix B

Watch Your Step Survey

Pre-Survey

Date: _____

Pre Survey

Please circle the best answer:

What should you do before crossing the street?

- A. Make eye contact with drivers
- B. Look left-right-left
- C. Put devices like phones down and look up
- D. All of the above

How should you listen to music while crossing the street?

- A. Both earbuds/earphones in at full- volume
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- D. Both earbuds/earphones out of your ears

Which of the following is the safest way to cross the street?

- A. At street corners or crosswalks
- B. While checking a text message
- C. Using traffic signals
- D. At street corners or crosswalks and using traffic signals

When is it okay to use your phone while crossing the street?

- A. When changing a song
- B. When answering an important text message
- C. When using your GPS/Map app
- D. Never



Where is the safest place to walk if there is no sidewalk?

- A. With the traffic, as far to the right as possible on the street
- B. On the train track if no train is coming
- C. Against the traffic, as far to the left as possible on the street
- D. In the middle of the street

True or False

I should open the car door for a car rider when the car looks like it is coming to a stop.

True

False

Students should wear their backpacks when getting in the car.

True

False

Bike riders should always wear a helmet.

True

False

It is okay to tear off pieces of the safety patrol vest.

True

False

Sidewalks and streets can be slippery.

True

False



Watch Your Step Survey

Post-Survey

Date: _____

Post Survey

Please circle the best answer:

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