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The materials contained in this packet are designed to assist you in promoting pedestrian safety among children. Child pedestrians ages 5 to 9 are at highest risk of being killed or injured due to being hit by a car.

Children need a safe route to and from school. Every year, millions of children walk to school or to a bus stop. In 2009, 244 children ages 14 and younger died in pedestrian crashes, and an estimated 13,000 were treated in hospital emergency rooms for pedestrian-related injuries.

To avoid injuries, children should always follow these steps whenever they cross the street:

1. Never allow children under age 10 to cross the streets alone.
2. Instruct children to look left-right-left when crossing a street. Keep looking in all directions as you cross.
3. Teach children to walk facing traffic, as far to the left as possible, when sidewalks are not available.
4. Require children to wear retroreflective materials at dawn and dusk.
5. Prohibit play in driveways, in unfenced yards, in streets or parking lots.
6. Always model and teach proper pedestrian behavior.
7. Teach children to obey traffic signs and signals.
8. Always stop at the curb or edge of the road. Always stop before entering the street.
9. Always cross at crosswalks or intersections.
10. Streets are for vehicles. Sidewalks are for walkers.

Savings Lives… Preventing Injuries to Children.
**WALK SMART**

**WORD SEARCH**

L K C N A L V Y A W E V I R D A M R S
L O W A C J E L U B O F D S A U Q T T
S G O I R S T O P S I G N W N M R E O
E H U K R I A E T W E L B O G E W P P
R Y R V L D W F Y J P A R R E L I S L
J R Y D G E O L E L M C I T R K H P O
S V D L E W F I W T F Q G W Z L R T O
C L R H A A I T O N Y Z H G O A Q P K
H B A W J L K Q R Y A Q T E N W P G L
O J U N R K L W P I D L C K E T H K I
O K G W G F A K F T G F L O A N T R S
L K G Q G I W P M K W H O U R O L E T
B R N J R W S F N A I R T S E D E P E
U J I O I H S C E I Q T H L E R E W N
S P S D N I O I I R P R E P E L G I W
A D S K L M R F A F N E S G L F I J L
L B O C W D C F L C F L P L T E T W D
K U R N L I A A B U R A R E J H K A V
T G C V P G J R C F L E R F G I D L M
S A F E R O U T E L F B M T F R Y K Q

**BE ALERT**

**SAFE ROUTE**

**BRIGHT CLOTHES**

**SAFETY**

**CAR**

**SCHOOL BUS**

**CROSSING GUARD**

**SIDEWALK**

**CROSSWALK**

**STOP, LOOK, LISTEN**

**DANGER ZONE**

**STOP SIGN**

**DON’T WALK**

**STREET**

**DRIVEWAY**

**TRAFFIC**

**LOOK, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT**

**TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

**PEDESTRIAN**

**WALK**

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**WALKING THE SAFE KIDS WAY**

*(To the tune of Surfin’ USA by the Beach Boys)*

by Terri Rae Anthony

If everybody has a sidewalk across the USA
Then everybody’d be walkin’
Like in Pennsylvan-i-a
You’d see ‘em wearing their tennies
And snow boots too
Walkin’, Walkin’
Walkin’ the SAFE KIDS Way.

You’d catch ‘em walking in Scranton
Schuylkill County line
Erie and York
West Brandywine
All over Pittsburgh
And down State College way
Everybody’s gone walkin’
Walkin’ the SAFE KIDS Way.

We’ll be walkin’ up the mountains
With Punxsutawney Phil
We’ll be walkin’ that safe way
Down to Blairsville
We’ll be walkin’ all summer
We’re on a health kick to stay
Tell everybody we’re walkin’
Walkin’ the SAFE KIDS Way.

They keep walkin’ in Shamokin
Bedford County Line
Allentown and Bloomsburg
Down to Manheim
All over Philly
And down Donora (put name of your town here) way.

Everybody’s gone walkin’
Walkin’ the SAFE KIDS Way.

*(Repeat)*
These signs are important to walkers and drivers. Correctly identify each of the traffic signs below.

**STOP**

**Pedestrian Crossing**

**Bicycle Crossing**

**Traffic Light**

**Do Not Enter**

**Walk**

**Don't Walk**

**No Bicycles**

**WALK SMART SAFETY CODE**

Using the symbols below, complete the walk smart safety messages.

1. Always cross the street with an  __ __ __ __ __ __.
2. Look  __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ before crossing the street.
3. Walk  __ __ __ __ __ __ traffic when there are no sidewalks.
4. Wear  __ __ __ __ __ __ clothing.
5. Wait for the  __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ before crossing.

**WALK SMART TEACHING TIPS**

**Take a Walk:** The best way to teach your child to walk safely is to set a good example. So, get out and take a walk with your child to practice safe pedestrian skills. Be sure to cross streets at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible. Stop first at the curb, and look left, right and left again before and while crossing the street. Walk, don’t run. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

**Driveways and Parking Lots:** Children should not play on or near driveways. Teach them how to watch out for vehicles backing out of driveways and parking spots. Children should always hold your hand while walking through a parking lot, and do not allow your child to run. Never back out of a driveway without checking around your vehicle first.