

Teens on foot and bike – hands up survey



Road casualties are the biggest killer of young people.

Please take 20 minutes to help Brake campaign for safer streets for teens.

This survey is designed for secondary schools, colleges and youth workers to use with **groups of 11-18 year-olds**, to get their views on how safe they are when walking or cycling in your area. The results will be used by Brake, the road safety charity, and its partner RSA, to inform work to raise awareness among teens, parents and drivers, and campaign for safer streets.

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. **Then fill in the results at www.surveymonkey.com/s/teenroadsafety or fax to 01484 559983.** Alternatively, teens can fill it in individually at www.surveymonkey.com/s/individualteensafety.

Run as part of a lesson or discussion

We recommend you run this survey as part of a road safety lesson, workshop or discussion, to engage pupils in this critical topic and get them thinking about how they can help keep themselves and others safe. You could use it as a springboard to engage students in a creative project or campaign promoting safer driving and safer streets. You could:

- Survey local roads for hazards (e.g. speeding traffic, narrow pavements, parked cars) and road safety measures (e.g. crossings, cycle paths, 20mph limits). Show the features on a map or make a photo display. Explore what are the safest routes and what improvements are needed. What can authorities do and what can drivers do to protect people?
- Explore the aftermath of crashes, including consequences for drivers who cause serious crashes and the impact on people who are injured or bereaved. Ask pupils to write a fictional newspaper article or play about a crash. You could invite in a police or fire officer for pupils to interview, to help them understand the impact.
- Explore the science behind road safety, such as stopping distances and visibility, using discussion, demonstrations and experiments. Why is fast traffic more dangerous, especially for people on foot and bicycle? Measure out stopping distances at different speeds. What speed is safest for drivers in built-up and busy areas? How does wearing high-vis help make people on foot and bicycle more visible to drivers?

For more advice and ideas on teaching road safety, see www.brake.org.uk/educators.

Before teaching road safety, always check whether any children have been bereaved or injured by a road crash, and be sensitive to their feelings. They may wish to be excluded from lessons that refer to road death or injury.

FOR YOU, THE TEACHER/YOUTH WORKER TO COMPLETE:

Q1: Number of students in your group: _____ **Q2:** Average age of students in your group: _____

Q3: Are you running this survey as part of a road safety workshop/lesson/assembly/discussion? Y / N

Q4: Name of your school/college/club*: _____ **Q5:** Your city/county*: _____

Q6: Would you like to sign up to get Brake's termly email bulletin on teaching and promoting road safety?

If yes, give your email address: _____

*Results won't be attributed to your school/college - we only ask this so we can break down results by region.

QUESTIONS FOR PUPILS:

Q7: Thinking of an average week, how many journeys would you say you make on foot or bike? (e.g. if they walk or cycle to and from school each week day, count this as 10 journeys)

- This many said 14 or more
- This many said 10-13 journeys
- This many said 7-9 journeys
- This many said 3-6 journeys
- This many said 1-2 journeys
- This many said usually none

Q8: Do you cycle?

- This many said yes, most days
- This many said yes, at least once a week
- This many said yes, a few times a month
- This many said yes, but less than once a month
- This many said no, I never cycle

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Q9: *Would you like to be able to get out and about more or make more journeys on foot than you do at the moment?*

- This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q10: *If there were more safe pavements, paths and walking routes in your area, do you think it would enable you to get out and about more or make more journeys on foot?*

- This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q11: *Would you like to be able to cycle more than you do at the moment, or start cycling if you don't already?*

- This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q12: *If you would like to cycle more or start cycling, what are the things preventing you from doing this?*

(Pupils may put their hands up for all that apply)

- This many said lack of safe routes (i.e. no cycle paths)
 This many said they would feel nervous cycling on local roads
 This many said being worried about being mugged, attacked or harassed
 This many said my parents would be worried
 This many said a lack of places to securely store my bike
 This many said I haven't got a bike/other gear

Q13: *Do you think your area should have more pavements, footpaths and cycle paths?*

- This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q14: *Do you think traffic in your area is too fast for the safety of people on foot and bicycle (such as kids, families, young people and elderly people)?*

- This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q15: *Do you think the dangers on roads in your area put people off walking and cycling?*

- This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q16: *When you walk and cycle, do you usually consider what's the safest route and use this?*

- This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q17: *If you cycle, do you usually wear high-vis gear, such as a fluorescent and reflective bib, jacket, backpack, reflective strips or snap-wraps (not including lights and reflectors on your bike)?*

- This many said I don't cycle
 This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q18: *When walking in the dark or gloomy weather, do you usually wear high-vis gear, such as a fluorescent and reflective bib, jacket, backpack, reflective strips or snap-wraps?*

- This many said YES
 This many said NO

Q19: *If you answered that you don't wear high-vis gear when walking or cycling, what are the main reasons for this?*

(Pupils may put their hands up for all that apply)

- This many said I don't think it's important
 This many said I would feel embarrassed
 This many said I don't see anyone else wearing it
 This many said high viz gear doesn't look good / is unfashionable
 This many said I forget to put it on
 This many said I wouldn't want to spend money on high-vis gear

Q20: *If you answered that you don't wear high-vis gear when walking or cycling, what would make you want to wear it?*

(Pupils may put their hands up for all that apply)

- This many said if they were convinced it was important to make them safer
 This many said if they saw other people wearing it
 This many said if it looked better or was more fashionable
 This many said if I had something I could attach to my bag/coat or make use of, so I didn't forget
 This many said if it was free

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY. PLEASE ENTER THE RESULTS USING OUR QUICK FORM AT www.surveymonkey.com/s/teenroadsafety OR FAX THIS SHEET TO 01484 559983.