Mik & Nero in...

The Safety Street!

Coloring & Activity Book
We created this activity book to help you teach your children how to stay safe while walking, bicycling and riding the bus on our streets and roads. Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for children ages 14 and younger. However, taking a few simple precautions and learning the rules of the road can decrease the risks your children face.

**Bicycle Safety**

Bicycles are a great way for children to get around. Riding is good exercise and promotes a healthy lifestyle. Riding to and from school is a great way to start. However, each year more than 250,000 children in this country are treated for bicycle-related injuries, and almost half of those involve traumatic brain injury. One simple precaution — wearing a helmet — can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.

Make sure your children always wear helmets and bright, reflective clothing, and that their bicycles are equipped with lights and reflectors.

**Pedestrian Safety**

Walking is another great way for kids to get their exercise on the go, whether they are visiting a friend, getting to and from school or helping to care for a pet. Unfortunately, being struck by a vehicle is the second-leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death among children.

As when riding a bicycle, children on foot should always wear bright, reflective clothing and consider carrying a light — especially at night.

Teach your children to be aware of their surroundings, to always walk facing oncoming traffic, and to recognize and obey street signs, road markings and traffic lights. Make a game out of identifying common features — including stop signs and crosswalks — and reward your children for being able to explain their meaning.

**Train Safety**

Many of us are fascinated by trains, and it is easy to understand why: their size, their speed and their immense power. Teach your children to respect trains — tell them that they should never play or walk on the tracks, or get closer than 10 feet to a moving train. Trains can weigh as much as 10,000 tons, and take as long as a mile to stop once the brakes have been applied.

**Bus Safety**

Riding the school bus is a convenient way to get to school, but there are hazards that children need to understand to stay safe. Statistics reveal that most deaths involving school buses occur while the victim is outside the bus, and three-quarters of them are children under the age of 9. Use this book to teach your kids about school-bus safety, giving special attention to the “danger zone” diagram inside.

Working together, we can make a difference.

Craig Roberts
Clackamas County Sheriff
LET'S TAKE A RIDE DOWN "SAFETY STREET"!

CONNECT THE DOTS TO REVEAL THE VEHICLES YOU'LL BE RIDING AND SEEING!
HERE WE ARE IN A SCHOOL ZONE!

WHAT SHOULD CARS DO IN SCHOOL ZONES? FILL IN THE BLANK LETTERS BELOW!

S__ __W
D__ __N

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME DRIVERS DON’T SLOW DOWN! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN YOU HAVE TO DO?

L____K O____T
and be C_______FUL

ANSWER: SLOW DOWN
ANSWER: LOOK OUT and be CAREFUL
Riding your bike to school is great!

But you have to make sure you have all the right equipment!

Draw the safety equipment on this bike and rider!

The final version should look something like this!
IF YOU RIDE A BIKE ANYWHERE, THERE'S A LOT TO THINK ABOUT!

ACROSS!

1. Look out for hazards, including _____ and sewer grates!

4. Obey traffic _____ and signals!

6. _____ your bike straight! Don't swerve all over!

8. Plan a safe route! Use _____ paths when you can!

DOWN!

2. Walk your bike across _____!

3. Stay to the _____ side of the road!

5. Use _____ signals (pictured below)!

7. _____ to pedestrians!

SOLUTION!
GET THROUGH THIS BIKE-SAFETY MAZE!

YOU’LL LEARN ABOUT OBSTACLES TO AVOID!

START!

LOOK OUT FOR CARS THAT COME ZIPPING THROUGH INTERSECTIONS!

LOOK OUT FOR CARS LEAVING DRIVEWAYS! THEY MIGHT NOT SEE YOU!

DON’T RIDE YOUR BIKE TOO CLOSE TO A CAR DOOR! SOMETIMES THOSE DOORS OPEN!

FINISH!
WE’RE AT A SET OF RAILROAD TRACKS!

TRAINS ARE COOL, BUT YOU HAVE TO RESPECT THEIR POWER!

DRAW AN ARROW ABOVE THAT SHOWS THE RIGHT ANGLE TO CROSS THE TRACKS ON YOUR BIKE! THE CORRECT ANSWER IS IN THIS PICTURE BOX!
USE THE WORDS TO COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES ABOUT TRAIN SAFETY!

1. TRAINS CAN’T _____ QUICKLY!
2. TRAINS CAN’T _____ TO GO AROUND YOU!
3. TRAINS CAN _____ AS MUCH AS 4,000 CARS!
4. TRAINS CAN _____ A CAR LIKE A CAR CRUSHES A SODA CAN!
5. YOU NEED TO BE VERY _______ AROUND TRAINS.
6. TRAINS _______ HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY!

ANSWERS: 1. STOP 2. TURN 3. WEIGH 4. CRUSH

THERE ARE SIX WORDS HIDDEN IN THIS DRAWING!
REMEMBER: NEVER ENTER THE STREETS FROM BETWEEN PARKED CARS!

THERE'S A PEDESTRIAN SIGN! COLOR IT YELLOW!

AND IF YOU'RE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, WALK WHILE FACING TRAFFIC!

USE CROSSWALKS AND INTERSECTIONS, WHERE DRIVERS EXPECT TO SEE YOU!
WHICH KID IS SAFER?

CHECK THE BOX UNDER THE CHILD WHO’S SMART AND CAREFUL WHILE CROSSING THE STREET!

□ THIS YOUNG PERSON IS CROSSING A CLEARLY MARKED INTERSECTION, ONLY WHEN CARS ARE STOPPED!

□ THIS YOUNG PERSON IS CHASING A BALL INTO THE STREET WITHOUT LOOKING FOR CARS!

ANSWER: Check the box on this side of the page.
HOW TO SAFELY CROSS

BEFORE YOU CROSS, LOOK LEFT, RIGHT AND LEFT AGAIN!

WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHING!

WALK, DON'T RUN!
AN INTERSECTION!

OBEY WALK/ DON’T WALK SIGNS!

IF THE “DON’T WALK” SIGN COMES ON WHILE YOU’RE CROSSING, DON’T STOP IN THE ROAD – FINISH CROSSING THE STREET!

STAY ALERT FOR UNSAFE DRIVERS!

HOLD HANDS!
LET'S WAIT FOR THE SCHOOL BUS!

Walk safely to the bus stop! Look both ways before crossing the street!

Stand back from the road while you wait for the bus!

Don't talk to strangers at the bus stop! *Never* get in a car with a stranger!
LET’S GET ON THE SCHOOL BUS!

ENTER IN A SINGLE-FILE LINE!

USE THE HANDRAIL!

WAIT FOR THE BUS DRIVER TO TURN ON THE RED FLASHING LIGHTS AND STOP SIGN BEFORE BOARDING!

AND WAIT FOR THE BUS TO STOP!
LET'S RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS!

DRAW KIDS BEHAVING WELL IN THEIR SEATS!
USE THE DOTTED LINES AS A GUIDE!

KEEP YOUR STUFF OUT OF THE AISLE!

KNOW WHERE THE EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR IS LOCATED! ONLY USE IT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY!

STAY IN YOUR SEAT! TALK QUIETLY! DON'T THROW ANYTHING!
LET'S SAFELY EXIT THE SCHOOL BUS!

DON'T WALK IN THE "DANGER ZONE" AROUND THE BUS! COLOR IT RED!

ALSO: WATCH OUT FOR MOVING CARS!

NEVER BEND DOWN NEAR OR UNDER THE BUS!

DON'T GO BACK FOR ANYTHING YOU LEFT ON THE BUS!

AND MAKE SURE THE BUS DRIVER SEEKS YOU AND GIVES YOU A SIGNAL BEFORE YOU CROSS IN FRONT OF THE BUS!
CONNECT THE DOTS TO REVEAL THE SHAPES OF SOME COMMON STREET SIGNS WE’VE SEEN IN THIS BOOK!

School zone!
Color the flashing yellow lights on top!

Stop sign!
Color it red!

Railroad crossing!
Color it yellow!
Pedestrian crossing!
Color it yellow!

Traffic Signal!
Color it as indicated at right!

Walk / Don’t Walk signal!
Color the “Don’t Walk” portion orange!

Don’t Walk!

Walk!

RED = stop!

YELLOW = use caution (be careful)!

GREEN = okay to go!
THE RULES:

1. Cut out the game pieces on the back cover.

2. Put them on the “START HERE” square.

3. Roll a single six-sided die. Move your game piece the number of spaces shown on the die.

4. When you land on a space, follow the instructions or answer the question. (Answers on inside back cover.)

5. If you cannot answer a question, look up the answer on the inside back cover, then go back to the space where you started your turn.

6. First player to the finish line wins! Cut out and sign the Safety Street Junior Driver’s License on the back cover!
3. Name three items of safety equipment you should have when you’re riding a bicycle!

5. Show the three hand signals you should use while riding your bike — for LEFT, RIGHT and STOP.

6. Before boarding a bus, what should you wait for the bus driver to do?

7. Why shouldn’t you ride your bike too close to a car door?

8. Go forward one space and answer the question!

9. When do trains have the right of way?

10. Switch places with another player’s game piece!

11. Identify this sign by its shape!

12. Go back one space and answer the question!

13. Identify this sign by its shape!

14. How should you stand in line when you’re entering a bus?

15. Identify this sign by its shape!

16. Go back three spaces and answer the question!

17. Identify this sign by its shape!
Mik and Nero are two real-life K9s who’ve served at the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office in Oregon. Their cartoon personas have become the office’s ambassadors to children throughout the region and beyond. In a series of comics and coloring books, the pair deals with such topics as: pedestrian and traffic safety, drug abuse, underage drinking and more.

Professionally written and illustrated to appeal to today’s media-savvy children, the “Mik & Nero” series addresses the real problems that young people face in an entertaining, engaging and approachable way.

For more information, visit:

www.clackamas.us/sheriff/kids
SAFETY STREET
JUNIOR DRIVER’S LICENSE

I’ve completed the Safety Street Coloring & Activity Book! I’ve learned some lessons about being safe on bicycles. I’ve learned that you have to be very careful around trains. I’ve learned how to cross the street safely. I’ve learned about street signs. And I’ve learned about bus safety.

NOTE: This is NOT a real driver’s license. But it may help you be a better bicyclist and pedestrian!

X ____________________________
SIGNATURE

BOARD GAME ANSWERS

1. 20 m.p.h.

3. Three of these four items: Helmet, reflective clothing, bike light, bike reflectors

5. Right! Left! Stop!

6. You should wait for the bus driver to stop the bus and turn on the red flashing lights and stop sign before boarding.

7. Sometimes those car doors open!

9. Always!

11. You should walk on the side of the road that’s facing traffic.

13. Look left, right and left again!

15. Railroad crossing

16. No. Keep your bags and books and other items out of the aisle.

17. Pedestrian crossing

18. You should stand in a single-file line.

19. Stop sign

SAFETY STREET JUNIOR DRIVER’S LICENSE (back)

Congratulations on finishing the "Safety Street" coloring and activity book! Cut this card out, put your picture in the box on the other side and sign here!
SAFETY STREET
JUNIOR DRIVER'S LICENSE (front)

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GAME PIECES!

Cut these pieces out, fold along the middle, and tape to a quarter as pictured below!
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