

# Road Safety

## Morning Announcements

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The following provides example morning announcements on a number of common road safety topics.

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### Bicycle Announcements

**Did you know...** that cyclists must ride in single file on the paved shoulder or as far to the right of the paved part of the roadway as possible.

To be safe while riding your bike in the evening, at night and early in the morning, your bike must have a white front light, red rear light or a reflector.

**Did you know...** that the law says that:

- All bikes must have a working bell or horn.
- Bicycles must have, as a minimum, a working brake on the rear wheel.
- All cyclists under the age of 18 must wear an approved bicycle helmet.
- All cyclists must use hand signals indicate a turn.

### Rollerblading/Skateboarding

**Are you ready to ride?** Smart skateboarders and rollerbladers wear helmets when riding. Even professionals and Olympians wear helmets. Remember to wear a helmet when riding.

**Are you ready to ride?** Did you know there are different helmets for skateboarding? A skateboard helmet covers more of your head than a bike helmet. If you have had a fall, you may need to replace your helmet.

**Are you ready to ride?** Skateboarders and rollerbladers should always ride on the right side of the sidewalks, trails and pathways. Remember to always use hand signals when turning.

**Are you ready to ride?** Did you know that in addition to wearing a helmet, all skateboarders and rollerbladers should wear knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards? These will help to prevent broken bones and nasty scrapes and bruises.

**Are you ready to ride?** It is better not be out blading and skateboarding at night. However, if you are out after dark, be sure to wear reflective clothing and you can use reflective tape on the back of your blades or shoes.

**Are you ready to ride?** When you are biking, blading or boarding, never wear headphones. You will not be able to hear things, like cars, trucks and other people around you.

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### Railway Safety Announcements

**Did you know...** A freight train can take up to 2 km or more to stop – that’s more than 18 football fields. Be safe don’t ever walk on the railway tracks!

**Did you know...** obeying the crossing signals is the law, and failing to obey the rules of the road near a railroad crossing is not only illegal, but also deadly? Some vehicles such as school buses must stop at all crossings railway crossings regardless of whether the lights are flashing.

You should always, STOP, LOOK and LISTEN when you cross a railway track. Stop no closer than 5 metres from the nearest rail of the railway track. Look both ways and listen for approaching trains.

### Bus Safety Announcements

**The wheels on the bus go round and round....**  
Make sure you stay out of the danger zone at all times!  
If you can touch the bus, you are too close.

**The wheels on the bus go round and round...**  
Always wait for the bus driver to give you the signal to cross. You must be able to see the driver at all times.  
If you can’t see the driver, they can’t see you!

**The wheels on the bus go round and round....**  
Remember to never walk or play behind ANY vehicle!  
If you drop something, don’t stop to pick it up. Let an adult get it later.

### Passenger Safety Announcements

**Did you know...** It is the law to wear a seat belt in Canada. Ensure you buckle up properly every time you get in a car, even if the trip is only around the corner. Seat belts save lives.

**Did you know...** No one under the age of 13 years old should travel in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with air bags. Air bags can seriously harm a child travelling in the front seat if a collision were to occur.

### Pedestrian Safety

**Look left, right, left** before crossing the street.  
Only cross when the street is clear.

**Going for a walk today?** Crashes and collisions tend to happen close to home. Always make sure to check driveways before walking across. Many drivers backing up will not see you.

**Going for a walk today?** Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk on the road, always walk facing the traffic.