TIP SHEET

Safety Scavenger Hunt

Safe Routes to School SOUTH CAROLINA

In honor of Walk to School Day, the South Carolina Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Resource Center has created a **Safety Scavenger Hunt** activity to spur discussion on pedestrian and bicycle safety while getting your students actively moving. Incorporate technology into the lesson by having students take pictures and create a presentation, or simply have students write their answers down. Go over the bolded words below beforehand to make sure your students know what they are looking for as they complete the hunt. Split your students into small groups or go on the hunt as an entire class. Make sure you talk about the safety topics below.

1. Find a **crosswalk** on your school campus. Where is it located? If your school does not have a crosswalk, where is a location that could use a crosswalk to increase safety?

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   Safety Tip: *Always cross at the crosswalk when there is one available. The crosswalk helps to tell drivers where they should expect to see pedestrians cross the street.*

2. Which of the following traffic signals do you have on campus? If you don't have any on campus, can you see any nearby? Circle the types of signals you can see.

   a. **Traffic signal (or traffic light)**
   b. **Pedestrian signal**
   c. **School zone flashing lights**
   d. **Speed feedback sign**

   Safety Tip: *Use traffic signals to help determine when it's safe to cross the street. When crossing, make sure to make eye contact with drivers and cross quickly without running.*

3. Which of the following traffic signs do you have on campus? If you do not have any on campus, can you see any nearby? Circle the types of signs you can see.

   a. **Stop sign**
   b. **School crossing sign**
   c. **School zone pavement marking**
   d. **Other information signs**

   Safety Tip: *Use traffic signs to help determine when it's safe to cross the street. Always cross with an adult present or with adult permission.*

4. Does your school have a **crossing guard** or a police officer who helps with traffic in the mornings or afternoons? If so, where do they stand? If not, where would a crossing guard help increase safety near your school?

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   Safety Tip: *Most crossing guards or police officers that help direct traffic wear a reflective piece of clothing. This helps drivers see them if it's dark outside. Make sure to wear reflective or bright colored clothing if you're walking or riding your bike in the early morning or evening.*

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5. Where is your **bus loop**? Where do students stand when waiting for the bus to arrive after school?

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Safety Tip: *Bus drivers cannot see things that are too close to the bus. Make sure you stand or sit at least 5 big steps away from the edge of the sidewalk while waiting on the bus.*

6. Is there a **bicycle rack** on campus? If so, where is it located? If not, where would be a good location for a bike rack?

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Safety Tip: *Make sure you lock your bike to a bike rack. This will help prevent others from taking your bike without your permission.*

7. Does your school have a sign reminding people to **buckle their seat belts**? If so, where is this sign located? If not, where would be a good location for this sign?

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Safety Tip: *Always buckle your seat belt. Students should also ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old. This will help prevent injuries from airbags if a crash occurs.*

8. Find a fellow **classmate that walks or bicycles to/from school**. What is his or her name? If there are no students who walk or ride a bike to school, find a classmate that walks or rides his/her bike in his/her neighborhood.

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Safety Tip: *Always wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. This will help prevent injuries if you fall off your bike.*

9. Does your school have any signs encouraging drivers to turn off their car engine while waiting? **Keeping the engine on while waiting is also known as "idling."** If so, where are these signs located? If not, where would be a good location for these signs?

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Safety Tip: *Car exhaust is unhealthy for the environment and for your lungs! Turning off cars when they're parked, or walking/biking instead of driving, are ways to improve air quality around your school.*

10. Can you see the **speed limit sign**? Does the speed limit change during drop off and pick up times? If so, what does it change to?

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Safety Tip: *Cars traveling at slower speeds may be able to stop faster and avoid hitting something or someone.*

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