



# Safety in Schools Week May 17th to 21st 2004

## RoadWise Activity

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### Activity Title

## Safe Routes to Schools

### Curriculum Framework Activity Outcomes

#### Learning Area

Health and Physical Education

#### Learning Outcome

1. Attitudes and Values

2. Knowledge and Understanding

3. Self-management Skills

4. Self-management and interpersonal skills

#### Specific Learning

- Increasing perception of children and parents awareness of safer road user behaviour associated with coming to school
- Increase recognition of the need to travel to school in a safe manner and by safe routes
- Valuing community involvement in creating a safer environment around the school
- Identify the safe routes to schools
- Understand the need for correct road safety behaviour
- Planning and conducting a survey
- Increasing ability to make decisions about safe road use
- Ability to work cooperatively within a group

### Phases of development

- K to Year 7 / Early Childhood and Middle Childhood Phase of Development

## Activity resources required

- Information on the Safe Routes to School Program, available from RoadWise.
- Paint for schools undertaking painting process at schools at our cost.

## Procedure

- Identification of safe routes for school along which footprints and stop signs will be painted
- Presentation at assembly regarding the painting of footprints
- Explanation to 'painters' regarding role of footprints in safe routes
- With parent helpers and RoadWise officer, footprints to be painted
- Reinforcement of safe road crossing behaviour with 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think,'
- Follow up reinforcement of safe routes and behaviour around school

## Community Links

- Invite local member to special assembly prior to painting of footprints
- Involvement of parent helpers in painting of footprints
- Informing local residents and businesses (where applicable) of the painting of footprints and the rationale thereof
- Involvement of P&C through school Road Safety Committee in footprint painting and assembly
- Parents and children to complete surveys

## Policy and Procedures

### Are you aware of the schools written Health and Safety Policy? If not:

- Check with administration
- Refer to the Department of Education Risk Management Policy,
- Visit the Safety Rules OK! website for guidelines [www.safetyrules.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.safetyrules.health.wa.gov.au)

### Do you have safety structures and procedures in place?

- Does your school have a road safety policy?
- Does your school have a road safety committee?
- Does your school have a traffic warden?
- Is your school involved in the Safe Routes to Schools program?
- Does your school have designated pick up/drop off points?
- Has your school clearly identified safe routes for the children to follow to school (eg blue footprints)?

## Other resources available

- Stencils for painting feet
- School Newsletter Pack
- RoadWise officers for special assemblies (where available)