Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools: Bringing Transportation Safety into the Classroom - Ideas and Resources for Teachers

* **Bike Safe/Walk Smart DVDs** – Go to [saferoutestoschool.ca/info-teachers](http://saferoutestoschool.ca/info-teachers) Here you will find a list of ideas for teachers, including a link to request a DVD and two documents with follow up key messages, talking points, and activities. The DVD clips feature elementary and middle school aged students sharing the information, and on each DVD there are versions for Kindergarten to Grade 3 and Grades 4 to 7.
* **iSchool Travel Calculator** – Go to [ischooltravel.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CKevin%20User%5CDownloads%5Cischooltravel.org) Here you will find an online tool about active transportation that teachers can use in class. It measures distances travelled to and from school by walking, biking, bus and private vehicle, as well as the amount of calories burned walking and biking (expressed in pizza slices!), the cost of fuel for private auto use, and greenhouse gas emissions (shown with balloons!). On the website you will also see a tab called ‘Ideas for Use’ where lessons plans are posted.
* **Leadership Projects** – Following the example of a group of Grade 6 students at a Toronto school (google “Gr 6 girls push for crosswalk” to find Toronto Star article), students can be encouraged to think about the design of their streets and what would make them safer. They can use the Traffic Count and Observation Tool below to collect data and present the information along with some potential solutions to the Ward Councillor.
* **Letter Writing** – Students can share their views, stories, and ideas in letters to their Ward Councillor, Toronto Police Service, and/or Transportation Services. They can draw pictures of their own vision for the neighbourhood, or take pictures of their existing neighbourhood and identify the positive and negative features.
* **Toronto Police Service Safety Presentations** – Your School Community Liaison Offer can be invited by your school’s administration to give classroom or assembly presentations about walking and cycling safety. Confirm the dates of their presentations early—they book up quickly!
* **Toronto Public Health -** Toronto Public Health supports schools that are actively engaged in issues pertaining to active and sustainable school travel. TPH provides curricular supports for students in grades 3 to 6, focusing on wheel safety and rules of the road. TPH also works in partnership with the school community to look at the built environment and to explore opportunities for active transportation.
* **Traffic Count and Observation** – Go to [saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning-toolkit](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning-toolkit) Here you will find a template with instructions for doing traffic counts and observing the driving/walking/cycling behaviour of people around your school. A class or student club could do this first thing in the morning at a particular intersection to help make the case for traffic calming or other changes you’re working towards.