

# Crossing the Street

**Objective:** This activity focuses on traffic safety rules and how to cross the street safely.

## **Materials:**

Chalk or masking tape

Pictures of crosswalks, people crossing a road... (Optional)

## **Preparation:**

This activity can be conducted indoors or outdoors.

1. Indoors: In a group area, use the masking tape to make a crosswalk  
Outdoors: Draw a crosswalk across the bike path or on the sidewalk.
2. Gather a group of children and instruct them to sit around the crosswalk or on their group time mat.

## **Discussion:**

Ask children the following questions and elicit many answers:

1. Does anyone know any safety rules about the street? (Do not play in the street, get an adult to cross the street...)
2. Why isn't it safe to play in the street? (You can get hit by a car, hurt...)
3. What could you do if your friend wants you to play ball in the street? (Get an adult, say that is not safe)
4. What are some ways you can cross the street safely? (With an adult, look both ways, listen...)

*The Teacher summarizes:*

The street is a dangerous, or unsafe, place to play. Always cross the street with an adult and follow the safety rules:

- Hold hands with an adult
- Stop before you enter the street
- Look in all direction to make sure there are no cars coming
- Walk across the street carefully

## **Practice:**

Teacher: Let's pretend that we are going to cross the street. I will call two children to come cross at a time. One child will pretend to be an adult. You will cross the street following the safety rules (refer to rules above). Everybody will get a turn.

## **Extension:**

Have the children draw crosswalks on the sidewalks or bike path and practice crossing the street.

This song can be sung during the activity:

**If you want to cross the road** (To the tune of *If you're happy and you know it*)

*If you want to cross the road hold my hand,  
If you want to cross the road hold my hand,  
If you want to cross the road,  
Here's something you should know  
If you want to cross the road hold my hand.*