

**Title:**

Traffic is the biggest killer of young people aged 12 – 16

**Type:**

Lesson

**Subject:**

PHSCE & Citizenship

**Aim:**

To raise students awareness to the fact that

- Traffic is the biggest killer of young people aged 12 – 16
- At secondary school you are far more at risk of being killed or seriously injured in as a pedestrian than in a car. It is from your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday that the risk of being injured in a car increased.

**Objectives:**

To understand the problems of being a pedestrian, passenger in a car, passenger on a bus & cyclist

**Resources required:**

Paper & pens

**Location:**

Classroom

**Plan:**

Split class in to 4 groups and ask each group to think of as many reasons as they can of why and how young people are injured in the following 4 categories.

Pedestrian

Passenger in a car

Passenger on a bus

Cyclist

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Feedback to all groups their findings

**Student learning Outcomes:**

Students will gain knowledge of how traffic and road collisions are the biggest killer of 12 – 16 year olds and how they can help their own safety.

## Teacher Notes

Pedestrians – walking is a dangerous activity for young people!

Whether we walk to school, travel on the bus or ride in a car we are all pedestrians at some time.

## Student Task

List as many reasons as you can for a pedestrian to be involved in a collision.

- Misjudgement of the speed of a vehicle
- Crossing near a vehicle
- Fatigue
- Unable to hear the traffic properly
- Not using pedestrian crossings
- Alcohol / drugs
- Driver disobeying pedestrian crossing rules
- Dark clothing at night or in poor light
- Stumbling into the road
- Holding on to a moving vehicle
- Crossing near a bus
- Poor eyesight
- Inattention
- Driver unable to see the pedestrian
- Unable to view the traffic due to stationary vehicles
- Being knocked into the road by another person

List as many reasons as you can for a driver to be involved in a collision that will then affect you as a passenger

- Driving too fast for the conditions
- Animals in the road
- Alcohol / drugs
- Overtaking errors
- Poor weather conditions
- Driver's vision affected eg heavy rain, dirty windscreen
- Driver distracted inside eg passengers, changing radio or cd, eating
- Ignoring traffic signs and the rules of the road

Unqualified  
Inattention  
Fatigue  
Poor vehicle maintenance

You as a passenger  
Shouting  
Arguing  
Moving around the vehicle  
Hanging out of the window  
Not wearing a seatbelt

List as many reasons as you can for a passenger on a bus to be involved in a collision

Pushing and shoving on entrance and exit  
Getting on and off if vehicle is moving  
Hanging on to the bus as it moves off  
Moving and messing around during the journey  
Distracting the driver  
Playing games near the kerb  
Throwing things around the bus

List as many reasons as you can for cyclist to be involved in a collision

Riding too fast ( and too fast for the conditions)  
Not paying attention  
Losing control of bike  
Tricks whilst on the road  
Being hit by a car door  
In collision when doing a manoeuvre (turning left, right, overtaking, using a roundabout)  
Colliding with a stationary vehicle  
Condition of road e.g. pot holes etc

Wearing of helmets  
Wearing a helmet is recommended and can help prevent a serious head injury BUT does not prevent a collision  
Cycle helmets should conform to the British standard and fit correctly.