

Lesson 5 : Road Signs and Risky Behaviours - Scenario Cards

1. The Last-Minute Dash

A student runs across the street outside the school zone to catch a bus. A driver brakes suddenly to avoid them, causing the car behind to crash into theirs.

- Consider: pedestrian, two drivers, bus driver.

2. Headphones on the Footpath

A bike rider rides fast on a shared footpath. A pedestrian listening to music doesn't hear the bell and steps sideways unexpectedly. They collide.

- Consider: bike rider, pedestrian, nearby walkers.

3. Impatient Parent Pickup

A parent double-parks near the school gate at pickup time, blocking traffic and forcing kids to walk between cars. A child almost gets hit.

- Consider: driver, parent, student, crossing guard.

4. Text and Turn

A driver uses their phone at the lights. When the light turns green, they start to turn but don't see a bike rider already crossing.

- Consider: driver, bike rider, other drivers.

5. Bike Without Lights at Dusk

A teenager rides home from school at dusk without lights or a helmet. A car turning out of a driveway nearly hits them.

- Consider: bike rider, driver, bike rider's parent.

6. No Signal, No Safety

A driver turns right at a busy intersection without using their indicator. A pedestrian waiting to cross misjudges their movement.

- Consider: driver, pedestrian, other road users.

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7. Shortcut Gone Wrong

A student walks across the middle of the road instead of using the pedestrian crossing 20m away. A bike rider rings their bell, but the student is startled and falls.

- Consider: pedestrian, bike rider, other students watching.

8. E-scooter on the Road

Two teenagers ride e-scooters side-by-side on the road without helmets. A car behind them can't overtake and swerves to the other lane dangerously.

- Consider: scooter riders, driver, other road users.

9. Cross Before the Countdown Ends

A pedestrian steps onto a crossing during the flashing red pedestrian signal. A turning vehicle accelerates to beat the countdown and nearly hits them.

- Consider: pedestrian, driver, pedestrians already crossing.

10. Roundabout Confusion

A bike rider enters a roundabout and rides in the middle of the lane to be more visible and to prevent a driver trying to overtake unsafely. A driver behind becomes frustrated and tailgates them.

- Consider: bike rider, driver, other drivers in roundabout.

11. Group Walk Distraction

A group of students is walking together. One pushes another as a joke near a driveway exit. A reversing car doesn't see them in time.

- Consider: students, driver, supervising adult (if any).

12. Parked Across the Bike Lane

A delivery driver stops their van across a painted bike lane. A bike rider has to merge into car traffic suddenly and nearly gets hit.

- Consider: delivery driver, bike rider, driver behind bike rider.

Road Signs and Risky Behaviours – Safety Summaries (Answers)

1. The Last-Minute Dash

- **Most responsible:** The student crossing unsafely.
- **Unsafe decisions:** The student crossed outside the designated crossing; driver behind was too close.
- **Prevention:** The student could have used the crossing and left earlier; drivers should keep a safe following distance.

2. Headphones on the Footpath

- **Most responsible:** Both pedestrian and bike rider share responsibility.
- **Unsafe decisions:** Pedestrian wore headphones in a shared zone; bike rider rode too fast.
- **Prevention:** Pedestrians should stay alert; bike riders must slow down and use their bell in shared spaces.

3. Impatient Parent Pickup

- **Most responsible:** The parent who double-parked.
- **Unsafe decisions:** Illegally parking; creating blind spots for students.
- **Prevention:** Park legally and further away if needed; school zones must remain clear for visibility and safety.

4. Text and Turn

- **Most responsible:** The driver using their phone.
- **Unsafe decisions:** Distracted driving and failing to check for bike riders.
- **Prevention:** Phones should not be used when driving; always check intersections carefully before turning.

5. Bike Without Lights at Dusk

- **Most responsible:** The bike rider.
- **Unsafe decisions:** No helmet or lights, riding in low visibility.
- **Prevention:** Bike riders must wear helmets and use lights when visibility is low or it's dark.

6. No Signal, No Safety

- **Most responsible:** The driver.
- **Unsafe decisions:** Failing to indicate led to confusion and risk for pedestrian.
- **Prevention:** Drivers must always indicate their movements to communicate intentions clearly.

Road Signs and Risky Behaviours – Safety Summaries (Answers)

7. Shortcut Gone Wrong

- **Most responsible:** The pedestrian.
- **Unsafe decisions:** Crossing mid-road without checking; bike rider was riding appropriately.
- **Prevention:** Always use crossings; teach students why designated crossing points matter.

8. E-scooter on the Road

- **Most responsible:** The e-scooter riders.
- **Unsafe decisions:** No helmets, riding side-by-side on a road not designed for scooters.
- **Prevention:** Riders should wear helmets, stay single file, and use appropriate paths or roads legally.

9. Cross Before the Countdown Ends

- **Most responsible:** The pedestrian.
- **Unsafe decisions:** Entering during red flashing signal; driver also acted recklessly by speeding up.
- **Prevention:** Pedestrians should wait for a full green pedestrian light; drivers must not accelerate into crossings.

10. Roundabout Confusion

- **Most responsible:** The driver (for tailgating).
- **Unsafe decisions:** The driver followed the bike rider too closely creating an unsafe situation.
- **Prevention:** Drivers must be patient, and understand that it is important for bike riders to take the middle of the lane in a roundabout, and wait until they are through the roundabout and where it's safe to overtake.

11. Group Walk Distraction

- **Most responsible:** The student who pushed.
- **Unsafe decisions:** Playing near a driveway; not looking for reversing cars.
- **Prevention:** Students must behave responsibly near roads; driveways are high-risk zones.

12. Parked Across the Bike Lane

- **Most responsible:** The delivery driver.
- **Unsafe decisions:** Blocking bike lane forces bike riders into unsafe traffic.
- **Prevention:** Never block designated bike lanes; bike riders must stay alert for sudden obstructions.