Construction SAFETY ACTIVITY BOOK

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor

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Did you know Metro is building a new light rail train line called the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor?

> Metro places the highest priority on construction safety throughout the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor.

> Please review each of the following pages with your child to help them understand the dangers of construction zones and the importance of practicing safe behavior.

> Make sure they know that construction zones are not playgrounds.

> The light rail train will travel 8.5 miles from the Metro Exposition Station at Crenshaw and Exposition Boulevards to the Metro Green Line Aviation/LAX Station.

> The construction of the light rail train line will be completed in 2019.
Construction zones are any location where active construction is underway and where construction equipment is stored.

This book will show you how to stay safe around construction zones.

My school’s name: ____________________________

My teacher’s name: __________________________

My presenter’s name: _________________________

My notes about Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor construction:

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10 Construction Safety Tips You Need to Know

- Do not walk, run, ride or play in a construction area or around construction equipment, dirt piles or work areas.

- Always walk on the sidewalk or designated walkway.

- Watch for sidewalk closure signs and remain alert to posted notices of temporary walkways.

- To avoid distractions, do not use cell phones, headphones, video games or other hand held devices in construction zones. Staying alert to your surroundings reduces the likelihood of an incident.

- Avoid going near a construction zone whenever possible. Heavy machinery and debris can be hazardous.

- Stop, look and listen for construction vehicles like bulldozers and dump trucks. Dust can impede your vision.

- See and be seen. Cross only at intersections and make eye contact with drivers of construction vehicles. You are smaller than most pieces of equipment and they may not see you.

- Slow down and follow signs that tell you where to walk, skateboard or bicycle.

- Be aware of your surroundings and falling objects in construction zones, even if they are not directly overhead. Wind can blow them in your direction.

- Obey construction signage and any instructions by those working on the project.

- Stay outside orange cones, construction fences and chain link fences.
There were over **20 streetcar lines** and **1,250 trolleys** that ran through central Los Angeles between 1901 and 1963.

The Crenshaw/LAX line will be **8.5 miles** in length. That’s the same as 150 football fields!

A car runs on gas, but a light rail train runs on electricity.

Around **388,883 people** go Metro on an average weekday!

When a light rail train is running above ground at street level, it follows traffic lights like a car.

Metro has **6 rail lines**! Red, Purple, Blue, Green, Gold and Expo.

Sometimes I go almost 70 miles an hour.
BIKE TIPS

BIKE SAFETY FOR KIDS:
> Be sure to obey traffic signs, signals and road markings.
> Never go against traffic when riding.
> Always wear your helmet when you ride.
> Be seen! Wear bright colors and use reflectors when riding.
> Avoid a major fall by going around road hazards, like sewer gates, potholes and ditches.
> You should never cross the street in front of a bus.
> Stay safe by riding in a straight line.
> Watch out for opening doors from parked cars!
> Be smart! Wearing headphones on both ears or earbuds while riding is against the law!
> Be careful when near train/railroad tracks, they might be slippery.

VANDALISM:
IT’S AGAINST THE LAW
> It’s never cool to throw or put gum on signage.
> Graffiti and tagging on posters, signage or notices is never allowed.
> Breaking the rules will cost you. You could get a ticket up to $250.

CRENSHAW/LAX KID-FRIENDLY STATION DESTINATIONS:

EXPO/CRENSHAW
> Lula Washington Dance Theatre
> West Angeles Church of God In Christ

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
> Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
> Rave Movie Theater

LEIMERT PARK (OPTIONAL STATION)
> Los Angeles Urban League
> Leimert Park Village

HYDE PARK
> Angeles Mesa Branch Library
> View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter Schools

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
> Edward Vincent Jr. Park

DOWNTOWN INGLEWOOD
> Inglewood Public Library
> Faithful Central Bible Church

WESTCHESTER/VETERANS
> Westchester Playhouse – Kentwood Players
> Westchester Recreational Center

AVIATION/CENTURY
> Los Angeles Airport (LAX)
> Westchester Family YMCA
LEARN TO RECOGNIZE CONSTRUCTION SIGNS
Understand what they mean.

- **KEEP OUT! CONSTRUCTION ZONE**
  Do not enter the construction zone

- **FLAGGER AHEAD**
  Be ready to slow down or stop

- **DO NOT ENTER**
  Authorized vehicles only

- **STOP/DO NOT ENTER**
  Do not enter area

- **WORKERS AHEAD**
  Watch for construction workers

- **ARROW PANEL**
  Follow the direction of the arrows

- **CONCRETE BARRIER**
  Do not cross concrete barrier

- **ORANGE CONES**
  Stay outside the orange cones

- **SIDEWALK CLOSED**
  Cross to the other side of the street

- **OPEN TRENCH**
  Steer clear of the ditch

- **DETOUR**
  Road is closed ahead – follow signs for alternate route
Safety Crossword Puzzle

**DOWN**

1. Stay outside cones and construction fences
2. Look for and signs as you walk or bike to school
3. Only cross streets and tracks at designated
4. Avoid going near a zone whenever possible
5. Stop, look and for construction vehicles
6. Always walk on the or designated walkway
7. See and be seen – cross only at intersections and make contact with drivers
8. Do not walk, ride or in construction zones
9. Avoid distractions, do not use cell or other hand held devices in construction zones
10. Follow that tell you where to walk, skateboard or bicycle

**ACROSS**

2. Look for and signs as you walk or bike to school
4. Avoid going near a zone whenever possible
6. Always walk on the or designated walkway
8. Do not walk, ride or in construction zones
10. Follow that tell you where to walk, skateboard or bicycle

**USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE PUZZLE**
Word Search

Find each of the words listed in the word search.
Hint: words can be found horizontally and vertically.

Alert
Barricade
Bulldozer
Cement
Cone
Construction

Crenshaw
Crosswalk
Danger
Designated
Detour

Equipment
Obey
Safety
Signs
Trench
Zone
Word Scramble

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS BELOW

Match the safety words to their signs.
What's Different?

Find the ten things that are different between the first picture and the second picture.
Write an email to your friends and tell them about construction safety.

*Use the safety messages on the left to help you.*

Dear __________________,

Never play near construction zones
Always obey workers in construction vests
Always walk on designated walkways
Always be alert
Always stay outside construction zones

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Safety Maze

HELP THE KIDS GET TO SCHOOL SAFELY
Crenshaw Safety Quiz

TAKE THE QUIZ TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

(circle the correct answer)

1. When should you play near construction sites?
   a. On the weekends  
   b. After school  
   c. Never

2. When is it ok to run, skateboard, play loud music and talk on a cell phone near construction zones?
   a. When school’s out  
   b. When work has stopped  
   c. Never

3. What should you do when you see blinking lights at a construction zone?
   a. Stop immediately  
   b. Slow down and stop  
   c. Speed up and keep going

4. Where should you cross the street near a construction zone?
   a. In the middle of the street  
   b. Only at designated crosswalks  
   c. Anywhere you want

5. Crossing at designated areas will:
   a. Keep you safe  
   b. Cause an accident  
   c. Get you lost

6. Which of the following is safe and will not cause harm?
   a. Playing near utilities and exposed wires  
   b. Taking a shortcut through a construction zone  
   c. None of the above

(circle the correct answer)

1. Amber and Ken decide to ride their bikes through a construction zone as a shortcut to school. SAFE/unsafe

2. Ken and his friends jump inside a construction vehicle. SAFE/unsafe

3. Monique needs to cross the street. She knows that she should wait for the walk light or instruction from the flagger, but she gets tired of waiting. She looks to make sure there are no cars coming and then runs across the street. SAFE/unsafe

(circle the correct answer)

1. It’s cool to draw, paint, write or mark on fences in construction zones. TRUE/FALSE

2. Spray painting and vandalizing construction areas is against the law. TRUE/FALSE

3. Wearing ear buds in both ears near construction zones is ok. TRUE/FALSE

4. Going into a construction zone is ok as long as no construction is happening. TRUE/FALSE

5. Construction workers will always see you when you walk near construction zones. TRUE/FALSE

(answer the questions)

1. What is the name of this project? _______________________

2. Complete this sentence. Metro wants everyone to be ________ around construction sites.

3. Can you think of 5 things you can do to be safe around construction sites?
Safe or Unsafe?

Read each sentence and decide if the action was safe or unsafe.

1. Looking both ways before crossing the street is:
   - Safe
   - Unsafe

2. Staying away from construction zones when walking to school is:
   - Safe
   - Unsafe

3. Crossing at a designated crosswalk before the signal said it was okay to cross is:
   - Safe
   - Unsafe

4. Ignoring the flaggers and warning signals when driving to school is:
   - Safe
   - Unsafe

5. Getting off your bike and walking it when you come near construction zones is:
   - Safe
   - Unsafe

6. Listening to instructions given by construction workers in safety vests is:
   - Safe
   - Unsafe

7. Climbing the fence that blocks off the construction zone is:
   - Safe
   - Unsafe

8. Two friends horsing around near construction zones are being:
   - Safe
   - Unsafe
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1 O B E Y
2 R A
3 C O N S T R U C T I O N
4 G O
5 O
6 S I D E W A L K
7 P H A S E
8 P L A Y
9 E
10 S I G N S

WORD SEARCH

How many did you get right?

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REMEMBER: Stop, Look and Listen
More Answers

WORD SCRAMBLE

1. pnoe nhterc = open trench
2. teduro = detour
3. glfgare haeda = flagger ahead
4. od otn nteer = do not enter
5. enaogr eoscn = orange cones
6. rokwres edhaa = workers ahead

WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN PICTURE 2?

1. Overhead wire is missing
2. One stripe on RR crossing is missing
3. One “R” is missing on RR crossing sign
4. Workman is missing his walkie-talkie
5. One orange cone is missing
6. Workman is missing his construction hat
7. Workman is missing his safety vest
8. First wheel is missing its center
9. Chain link fence is closed
10. One flower center is pink

SAFE OR UNSAFE

1. safe 2. safe
3. unsafe 4. unsafe
5. safe 6. safe
7. unsafe 8. unsafe

SAFETY MAZE

CRENSHAW SAFETY QUIZ

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. c 2. c 3. a
4. b 5. a 6. c

SAFE OR UNSAFE

1. unsafe 2. unsafe
3. unsafe

TRUE OR FALSE

1. false 2. true
3. false 4. false
5. false

GUESS THE ANSWER

1. Crenshaw/LAX
2. safe
3. various answers are possible

CONGRATULATIONS!

You are now an official Metro Kids Safety Advocate

Cut along the green border to make your official card

This card is to show that:

is an official Metro Kids Construction Safety Advocate and is now construction safety ready and aware.

AUTHORIZED BY:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
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