

Grade 8 Life Orientation Worksheet

Road safety - pedestrians

Demonstration and discussion about road safety

First read this information, that comes from “Arrive Alive”.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY HINTS from Arrive Alive

An alarming number of pedestrians are killed each year on the roads of South Africa. Many informal settlements and squatter areas are situated next to highways and special care should be taken by pedestrians and motorists in avoiding accidents. The pedestrians should focus on some of the following aspects:

- Ensure that you are clearly visible during the night. Always wear lightly coloured clothes or reflecting clothing.
- Do not walk in the road but on the pavement. If there is no pavement, walk as near to the edge as possible, facing the oncoming traffic.
- Avoid roads at all times when intoxicated.
- When crossing the road and there is a pedestrian bridge, use it, even if it means walking further.
- Never run across the road without looking both ways, and check that there is no traffic before crossing the road.
- Never assume that you have been seen – many disturbances might attract the attention of the motorist. Be wary. Most drivers are nice people, but don't count on them paying attention. Watch out – make eye contact to be sure they see you!
- Do not leave children unaccompanied next to the road.
- Do not walk halfway – remain beside the road until both lanes are clear.

Alcohol and drugs can impair your ability to walk safely, just like they do a person's ability to drive.

Now divide into small workgroups. Prepare a practical demonstration on how to act as a responsible pedestrian. You will present this demonstration to the rest of your class, who will observe your group and make notes on what they think was correct and what was wrong.

Following each presentation, you will discuss your observations as a class activity.

Your teacher will assess your participation in this activity, using the checklist below.

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2	Observe the demonstrations of the other groups?		
3	Make notes during the observation?		
4	Make notes of both what was right as well as what was wrong?		
5	Share ideas with other group members?		
6	Participate in the group discussion?		
7	Listen to the points made by other learners?		
8	Understand other learners' points of view?		
9	Speak clearly, both during the demonstration as well as during the class discussion?		
10	Demonstrate an understanding of road safety?		
2 marks per 'yes' answer. 20 marks in total.			

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	20	See checklist in Appendix of Assessment Tools.

Checklist to assess activity

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