

Wheel safety scenario cards- answer key

Scenario 1: How to find a walking buddy

Your parents are trying to decide whether you are “old enough” to skateboard to and from school on your own. They say they would like it if you had someone you could ride with for safety.

Answer:

Students to come up with the ideas that they could see if there is anyone in their class that lives in the neighbourhood that they could bike to and from school with. This would provide the parents with comfort as well as give the student a biking buddy.

Scenario 2: Where do you go after school?

Spring is here and you're finally able to ride your bike to school. Basketball season has also started and you have practice every Tuesday and Thursday. By the time practice is over, it is already starting to get dark. You didn't realize the sun was going to start going down and now have to ride your bike back home.

Answer:

- Students should mention that cyclists should wear reflective clothing when riding at dusk/night
- Students should mention that bicycles should have reflective lights on them
- To mention to students:
 - MTO LAWS:
 - a bike should have a working bell or horn
 - a white front light and a red rear light or reflector should be on bicycle if you ride ½ hour before sunset and ½ hour after sunrise
 - white reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks

Scenario 3: building a case for parents

All of your friends in your class are scooting to school. You just received a scooter for your birthday and you really want to join your friends. Your parents aren't comfortable with this, and would rather you ride your scooter up and down the street at home where they can make sure you are safe.

Answer:

Students to build a case for their parents to help convince them that they are responsible enough to skateboard with their friends to school.

Some points that students should bring up:

- Proper safety gear
- Knowing road signs and cross walks
- Knowing how to scooter near cars and pedestrians – the rules

Scenario 4: What to do during an accident

You're riding your bike home from school on a rainy afternoon. You turn a corner and your tires slip on some wet gravel and you fall to the ground. You scrape your knees and your elbow, but otherwise you are okay. A car pulls up and says they noticed you fall and ask if you're okay and then offer to drive you home.

Answer:

Themes to look for in student answers

- Saying 'no' to the stranger's offer – never get in a vehicle with someone you don't know
- Students to mention that they should tell their parents what happened
- How to recognize that you aren't seriously injured
- Assess whether you can ride your bike or should walk bike back home

Scenario 5: Stranger danger

You are inline skating home on the sidewalk and notice that a car has been driving with you for the last block. It pulls up beside you and rolls down its window. The driver is asking you for directions.

Answer:

Responses to look for

- Students should not approach the vehicle to speak to the driver – if student chooses to acknowledge the vehicle
- Students should mention that they should take mental note of some details of the vehicle in case of recurring situations – make, colour and who was driving the car
- Tell parents when you get home that this happened

Scenario 6: Traffic Safety

Your grandparents have given you permission to bicycle to and from school. You are super excited because you just got a brand new red bike. You are on your way to school when you realize that you have to cross a very busy road in order to get to the neighbourhood where your school is.

Answer:

Topics that the students should bring up

- Is there a cross walk? Are there lights? Can you cross the road safely?
- Students should also note that they must dismount their bicycles in order to cross at a crosswalk
- According to the MTO Cycling Skills handbook the rules and regulations surrounding cyclists and crosswalks the cyclist should:
 - Dismount their bike
 - Wait for traffic to stop
 - Make eye contact to ensure vehicles have seen you
 - Walk bike across the road