

Map My Journey:

Introduction

Walking, biking or scootering to school can be a fun adventure and a great way to keep healthy! It is important to keep safe along the way. Complete this mapping exercise in class or with a parent or guardian to find a safe route from your home to school.



Step 1: Your favourite places

1. Where do you live? Locate your street and draw your house. If your street isn't on the map, find a drop-off point nearby or a friend's house.
2. Locate and draw your school if it isn't already showing on the map.
3. Draw in and label any other places that you think are important in your neighbourhood (such as parks, library, supermarket, friend's houses).

Step 2: Map your route to school

My route to school today...

If you walked, biked, skateboarded or scootered to school, draw the route you took on your map. Use this design **— — — —** and mark it on your map legend. If you came by car or bus to school, draw the route you would normally take when walking or biking or from the drop-off point or friend's place you chose in Step 1.




Step 3: What's safe and unsafe in your neighbourhood?

Identify safe and unsafe traffic areas in your neighbourhood. Then locate and mark these places on your neighbourhood map and legend.

Use a **GREEN** pencil for safe places.





Make sure you fill these symbols on your map.

These are some safe places in my neighbourhood:









1. Pedestrian (Zebra) crossing 
2. Quiet or slow street 
3. Traffic lights 
4. _____

Use a **RED** pencil for unsafe places.

These are some unsafe places in my neighbourhood:

- A. Busy street with lots of cars 
- B. Street with fast cars 
- C. Busy intersection 
- D. Street with no footpath 
- E. _____

Step 4: Map safe routes in your neighbourhood





1. Use a **BLUE** pen or pencil to draw a safe route from your home/start point to school.
2. Use this design     on your map and your map legend.
3. Use a **ORANGE** pen or pencil to draw a safe route from your home/start point to another place.
4. Use this design     on your map and your map legend.
5. Make sure your map legend is complete. Does your map legend look something like this?

Map Legend:

My route to school today (pencil/black pen) **— — —**

Safe places (green circle or line)  

Unsafe places (red triangle or line)  

Safe route from home to school (blue)    

Safe route from home to other places (orange)    

How far?

Find out how far your journey to school is!

Plus, find out how much fuel, money and Co2 you can save using the Cycling and Walking Journey Planner at:

www.journeyplanner.org.nz

