



## Activity Name: "Safe Streets Explorer"

**Objective:** To teach children the importance of stopping at the curb and looking both ways before crossing a street.

### Materials Needed:

- A safe outdoor area with a mock street (you can use chalk to draw a simple road on a sidewalk or driveway).
- Cones or markers to create a "curb."
- Visual aids or props (such as toy cars, signs, or traffic lights).
- Whistle or bell (optional).

### Instructions:

**Introduction:** Gather the children in a circle and begin by asking them if they know what it means to be safe when crossing the street. Encourage them to share their thoughts, and then explain that you are going to play a fun game to learn more about it.

**Setting the Scene:** Describe the mock street you've created with chalk and mention that it's a pretend road. Emphasize that just like real streets, they must be careful when crossing it.

### The Safe Street Explorer Game:

- Assign one child to be the "Safe Street Explorer" (you can take turns).
- Place cones or markers to create a "curb" at one end of the mock street.
- Scatter visual aids like toy cars, signs, or traffic lights along the road.
- Explain that the Safe Street Explorer's job is to walk along the street, but they must always start by stopping at the curb.



**Practice:** Demonstrate how to stop at the curb, look left and right, and listen for any sounds (like a whistle or bell you can use to mimic traffic sounds). Model the correct behavior for them.

**Guided Exploration:** Let the Safe Street Explorer take their turn, ensuring they stop at the curb, look both ways, and listen for traffic before crossing. Use positive reinforcement and praise for good behavior.

**Interactive Learning:** Engage in a discussion about what the Safe Street Explorer observed. Ask questions like: "Did you see any 'cars' coming?" or "Why is it important to look both ways?"

**Role Reversal:** Let each child take turns being the Safe Street Explorer, practicing the safe steps.

**Reinforcement:** Recap the key points about stopping at the curb, looking both ways, and listening before crossing. Remind them that this is essential for their safety.

**Conclusion:** Congratulations! The children have become great Safe Street Explorers. Encourage them to use what they've learned in real-life situations and always be safe when crossing streets.

This activity blends a playful and educational approach to teaching children about pedestrian safety, ensuring they understand the importance of stopping at the curb and looking both ways before crossing a street.