

# Road Safety Week

## Road Safety Heroes card games



Thank you for taking part in Road Safety Week, helping children learn about Road Safety Heroes and why road safety matters.

Our Road Safety Heroes cards can be used to play four different card games that introduce key road safety concepts and vocabulary while encouraging co-operative play. We hope you all have fun!

### What is a road safety hero?

At Brake we think that everyone who helps us make safe and healthy journeys or helps care for someone after a crash is a road safety hero.

1		School crossing patrols who help children cross roads at safe places	6		Drivers who go at safe speeds, always wear a seat belt and drive phone free	12		Doctors and nurses who care for people in hospitals and treat their injuries
2		Adults who hold children's hands when they walk near roads	7		Road designers and planners who design streets for people, with safe places to live, work and play	13		Road workers who help to maintain roads, cycleways and footpaths to keep us safe
3		Children who ride with an adult on safe cycle paths	8		Police officers who make sure that everyone uses roads safely	14		Teachers and support services who help us if we feel sad
4		Children who wear a helmet when cycling to protect their head if they fall off	9		Fire and emergency services who help people get out of their vehicles if there's a crash	15		Family and friends who help us if we feel sad
5		Children who always sit in a special child seat, when travelling in a vehicle	10		Ambulances who give medical help and take people to hospital	16		Everyone who uses roads safely to protect themselves and others
			11		Air ambulances who give medical help and take people to hospital			
								

## Talking about road safety

Use the number and word flashcards to help you talk about road safety as you play.

### Road safety key words

Use these words to talk about road safety while playing the card games. Ask children to read the words and match them to the pictures on the cards. Talk about the **danger** of **traffic** - explain that a **car** is hard and heavy and can hurt them. Explain that all the pictures show Road Safety Heroes, who help make journeys **safe** and look after people after a **crash**.

nurse  
traffic  
safe

### Numbers 1-10

These can be used with the playing cards for simple counting activities. You can ask the children questions such as 'How many children can you see that are **holding hands** / wearing a **helmet** / riding a **bike** / sitting in a **car seat**, etc.'

10  
3

## The games

### Getting started

Print off four sets of the Road Safety Hero picture cards and one set of Road Safety Hero numbers and flashcards.

Stick onto thin card or laminate if you prefer and cut into individual cards along the guidelines. You will now have 64 individual playing cards: 60 character cards (four of each character) and four Road Safety Hero badge cards).

### 1 Let's find...

**Objective:** To find pictures that match a description

**Skills developed:** Recognising pictures, talking about road safety

**Age range:** 2-5

**How to play:** Lay out all the cards on the table, face up. Players take turns to find cards using questions that you ask them. When they have found the right card, talk to them about what they can see.

**Example questions:**

Can you find...

- Someone who helps you cross the road?
- Someone riding a bike in a safe place?
- Someone who designs safe roads?
- Someone who takes people to hospital after a crash?
- Someone who looks after people in hospital?
- Someone who helps us if we are feeling sad?

### 3 HERO!

**Objective:** To win all of the cards in the pack. A variation on Snap! But players shout HERO! when they spot two matching cards.

**Skills developed:** Developing confidence, matching

**Age range:** 4-7

**How to play:** Shuffle the cards, then deal the cards face down to each child. Players take turns to turn over their top card and place it face up in front of them. Players look out for two matching cards. If they see two cards that are exactly the same they shout 'HERO!' The first player to spot the matching pair and shout 'HERO!' wins all of the cards on the table and adds them to the bottom of their pile. The game ends when one person has all the cards. That person is the winner.



## 4 Hunt the Hero (max. 4 players)

**Objective:** Form pairs of cards, until one player is left with an odd card at the end. A variation on Old Maid/Chase the Ace but one player will be left with the Road Safety Hero badge card.

**Skills developed:** Matching, pairing, taking turns, cooperative play.

**Age range:** 5-7 with adult supervision

**Before play:** Remove all but one of the Road Safety Hero badge cards. Play with 60 character cards and one Road Safety Hero badge card.

**How to play:** Shuffle the cards, then deal all of the cards face down. Players do not need to have an equal number of cards. Players look at their cards, remove any matching pairs from their hand and place them in a pile in the centre of the table. Player 1 invites Player 2 to choose one of their cards (without looking). Player 2 takes a card from Player 1. If Player 2 can make a new matching pair, the pair is placed in the central pile. If Player 2 can't make any pairs they add the new card to their hand. Player 2 then invites Player 3 to take a card, and so on. Play continues until all cards have been paired except one. One player will be left with the Road Safety Hero card in their hand. This player is the Road Safety Hero and becomes the dealer next turn.



## More ways to talk about road safety...

Use the picture cards and flash cards to support your conversation.

### Cycling

- Where is it **safe** to ride a **bike**? (Away from **traffic** – in the park, in the garden, on safe paths away from the **road**, with an adult)
- How does wearing a **helmet** help protect us when we are riding a scooter, trike or **bike**? (It stops us from bumping our head hard if we fall off)



### Walking

- When we **walk** near roads and **cross** the roads, we always **hold hands** with an adult. (Adults help us cross the road because **traffic** is hard and heavy and moves **fast**, and will hurt us if it hits us.)
- How does a school crossing patrol help us **cross** the **road** safely? (School crossing patrollers use special signs to stop the **traffic**)



### Car seats and seatbelts

- How does sitting in a **car seat** protect you? (If the **car** is in a **crash** or stops suddenly, **seat belts** and car seats hold you in place and stop you from getting hurt.)

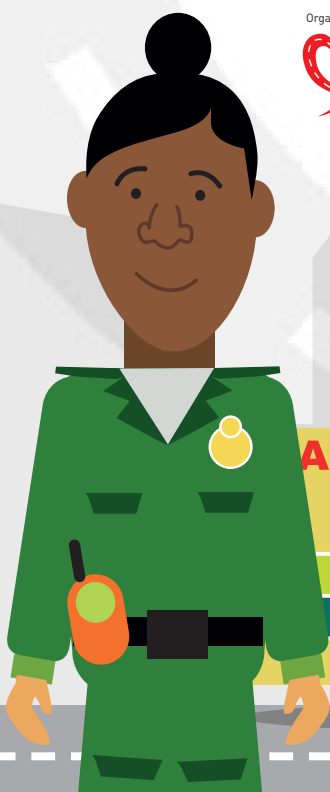


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