



# SECONDARY

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION FOR STUDENT TEACHERS

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# 1. ABOUT THE SCOTTISH ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN (SRSC)

The Scottish Road Safety Campaign (SRSC) is funded by the Scottish Executive and is part of the Transport Division.

The SRSC develops and co-ordinates national road safety education and publicity initiatives.



## The SRSC's key aims are:

- *To raise and maintain public awareness of road safety issues.*
- *To promote and develop Scottish road safety educational materials.*
- *To promote and develop targeted road safety publicity campaigns.*
- *To contribute towards achieving the Government's target for casualty reduction by the year 2010.*

The Government's road safety strategy and casualty reduction targets for 2010 are outlined in 'Tomorrow's Roads – Safer for Everyone'. It sets a target to reduce deaths and serious injuries to children by 50% by 2010 – a more demanding target than for other road users.

## Weblinks

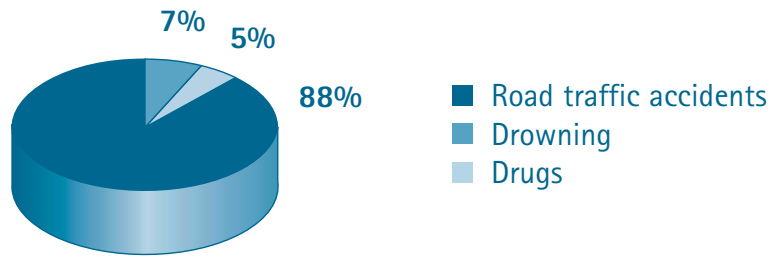
*Scottish Road Safety Campaign – [www.srsc.org.uk](http://www.srsc.org.uk)*

*Department for Transport – [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)*

## 2. ROAD SAFETY FACTS


Road traffic accidents are the major cause of accidental deaths for children and young people in Scotland. Road safety education has a vital role to play in ensuring that children and young people stay safe on Scotland's roads.

**Accidental Deaths for 0–19 age group in an average year in Scotland**  
(excluding deaths where the cause was undetermined)<sup>1</sup>



- Road traffic accidents cause the majority of accidental deaths for children and young people in the 0–19 age group.<sup>1</sup>
- More child pedestrians in Scotland, per head of population, are killed or seriously injured compared to the rest of Great Britain.
- Child pedestrians in the lowest socio-economic group are over 4 times more likely to be killed than those in the highest socio-economic group.
- Children from ethnic minority groups are more at risk of being injured in an accident than other groups.
- Male pedestrians are more at risk than females. In the 5–11 age group, twice as many boys are killed or seriously injured compared to girls.
- Boys are still more at risk in the 12–15 age group, although the gap between the sexes is less marked.

<sup>1</sup> Registrar General for Scotland

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- The peak time for child casualties is weekdays, 3 pm to 5 pm, coinciding with the end of the school day. Friday is the peak day for child casualties.

### **Weblinks**

*Road Accidents Scotland – [www.scotland.gov.uk/stats](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats)*

*Click on 'Transport and Travel', then 'Publications and Data'*

### **Why should road safety education be taught?**

Road traffic accidents are the major cause of accidental deaths for young people in Scotland. Road safety education has a vital role to play in ensuring that young people stay safe on Scotland's roads.

Schools need to develop a comprehensive road safety programme in which parents/carers, teachers, road safety officers and others in the community work together to ensure that young people can make responsible decisions in the road environment.

Road safety education is the responsibility of parents/carers, teachers, road safety officers and the young people themselves. By working in partnership, the safety of young people on Scottish roads should improve, saving lives.

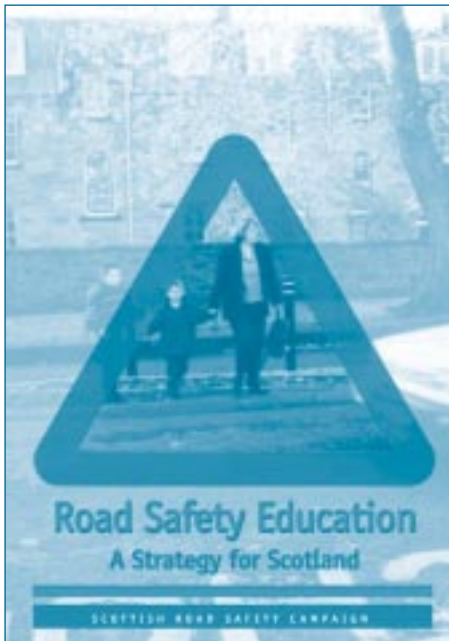
The SRSC is implementing a national strategy for road safety education (RSE), to be used in all schools in Scotland. The national strategy for RSE, based on research, covers pre-school, primary, secondary and special educational needs. It delivers a structured and long-term approach to road safety education. The aim is to ensure that road safety is taught to every child in Scotland, covering specific topics at certain times.

### 3. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN SCOTLAND

#### **Key Aims of Strategy**

- All children and young people should receive a minimum amount of RSE at school – this is 2 hours of RSE each year.
- There should be a consistent approach to RSE in schools throughout Scotland. No matter where the child is living, the RSE that they receive should be similar in content.
- RSE should link to national educational guidelines.
  - At lower secondary, it should link to 'Health Education 5-14 National Guidelines'
  - In upper secondary, there should be curricular links to other subjects, such as Citizenship.
- RSE should be taught in Personal and Social Development (PSD). Other subjects should be encouraged to teach RSE, but this would be in addition to that taught in Personal and Social Development.
- The secondary PSD teacher should be responsible for teaching RSE.
- Road safety officers should support teachers in teaching RSE e.g. advising on additional resources.

A leaflet on the national strategy for road safety education has been produced, and can also be downloaded from the SRSC website.



The SRSC has produced a range of innovative educational resources, which align with the national strategy for RSE. Resources are free to all schools in Scotland. They are also online and can be downloaded from the SRSC website.

If your school does not have the resources described in this booklet, please contact your local Road Safety Officer.

### **Weblinks**

*Scottish Road Safety Campaign - [www.srsc.org.uk](http://www.srsc.org.uk)*

*Leaflet on the national strategy for road safety education in Scotland*

*[www.srsc.org.uk/education/national\\_strategy/road\\_safety\\_education.asp](http://www.srsc.org.uk/education/national_strategy/road_safety_education.asp)*

*Local road safety officer - [www.srsc.org.uk/about/units.asp](http://www.srsc.org.uk/about/units.asp)*

## 4. 'STREETWISE GUYS' WEBSITE



### What is the 'Streetwise Guys' Website?

The 'Streetwise Guys' website is aimed at 8 to 14 year olds in primary and lower secondary. In particular, it targets children in the transition period from primary to secondary, when they are most at risk on the roads. 'Streetwise Guys' uses interactive games to educate young people about road safety in a fun way.

### How does this website link to the curriculum?

'Streetwise Guys' can be used in the classroom, when teaching road safety. It links to '5-14 National Guidelines', in particular Health Education, and Information and Communications Technology.

### Who are the 'Streetwise Guys'?

Belisha is 8 and she likes drawing, particularly cars and buses.

Sprocket is 12 and thinks he is an expert at riding his bike. He tries to act cool. Some of the time he takes silly risks and looks a fool.



Amber is 14 and she likes roller-blading, singing and secretly fancies Bumper (but he doesn't know it).

Bumper is 15 and cool, but he is smart enough to be safe (most of the time). He is also the leader of the gang.

Gutter is a mucky wee Scots terrier who likes to run off to see Daisy (his girlfriend!).

The 'Streetwise Guys' are designed to appeal to young people. You have to visit them first at their gang hut. Once inside the hut you can find out interesting things about keeping safe. There are also games to play such as 'dog on the run' and 'on yer bike!'

Also included are support materials for the S1 road safety play 'The Nine Lives of Roddy Hogg'.



### **Weblinks**

*Streetwise Guys* - [www.streetwiseguys.co.uk](http://www.streetwiseguys.co.uk)

## 5. S1/S2 PSD ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

### **What is the S1/S2 PSD Road Safety Education pack?**

This pack contains PSD materials for road safety education in S1 and S2. The pack also includes support materials and a script for the S1 road safety play 'The Nine Lives of Roddy Hogg'.

Resources in the pack have been designed to be used as stand-alone activities, to be taught in PSD. Activities cover Levels D and E, demonstrating differentiation and progression.

### **How does the S1/S2 PSD Road Safety Education pack link to the curriculum?**

All activities in this pack link to attainment targets in the 'Health Education 5-14 National Guidelines'. Other curricular links, for example to English Language, are also highlighted.

### **What resources are in the pack?**

- Teachers' Notes, showing curricular links to the 'Health Education 5-14 National Guidelines', links to the RSE Guidelines and relevant teaching information.
- Suggested Lesson Plans, showing the aims of the pupil worksheets, learning outcomes, resources, timing, suggested development of the lesson, assessment and curricular links.
- Pupil Worksheets, showing the aim and task/s, including extension work.



### **Weblinks**

*S1/S2 PSD Road Safety Education -*

*[www.srsc.org.uk/education/secondary/s1\\_s2\\_psd\\_rse.asp](http://www.srsc.org.uk/education/secondary/s1_s2_psd_rse.asp)*

## 6. THEATRE IN EDUCATION (TiE)

### **What is Theatre in Education (TiE)?**

The SRSC has developed a number of theatre tours aimed at different age groups to complement its range of educational resources. Research has shown that Theatre in Education is particularly suited to dealing with the complex issues surrounding raising awareness, debating topics, and coming to terms with social pressures and alternative behaviours. Plays aimed at schools should be seen as an integral part of the curriculum and seen as a further way of presenting the road safety message .

### **The Nine Lives of Roddy Hogg – Secondary 1**

#### **About the play**

This play centres around Roddy Hogg, who goes to secondary school for the first time. Life looks good. He is witty and cool, and is one of the most popular guys in first year. His fooling around has never got him into any real trouble and he is convinced that nothing can touch him. As he moves into second year his disregard for his personal safety leads him into a number of dangerous situations, both for himself and others.



The play introduces a rich variety of characters as we chart Roddy's way through life. One by one we see him use up his nine lives, culminating in an unexpected and tragic end.

#### **How does 'The Nine Lives of Roddy Hogg' link to the curriculum?**

Activities link to the 'Health Education 5-14 National Guidelines' and to the RSE Guidelines, to be taught in PSD. Resources in the

pack cover Level D and E, demonstrating differentiation and progression. The pack also includes stand-alone road safety classroom activities, which can be used by classes who have not seen the play.

### **What support resources are there?**

A set of teaching materials is available to accompany the play, which includes a copy of the script, teachers' notes, suggested lesson plans and pupil worksheets. The support materials are in the S1/S2 PSD Road Safety Education pack.

## **Legal Weapon – Secondary 5 & 6**



### **About the play**

Mark Wheeler's 'Legal Weapon' tells the fictional story of a sixth year couple, Andy and Jazz. Their relationship is punctuated by the death of Andy's granddad (a heart attack brought on after a break-in), a sizeable inheritance spent on a performance car, brushes with the law for speeding and exam pressures. When Jazz goes to college, Andy drives their relationship to ruin, and worse.

## What support resources are there?

A postcard is provided to all pupils who have attended the play. This gives information on the [www.legalweapon.co.uk](http://www.legalweapon.co.uk) micro web site. The site allows pupils to play a fun chat-up game and a more serious driving game relating to speed.



## Weblinks

*The Nine Lives of Roddy Hogg -*

*[www.srsc.org.uk/education/secondary/roddy\\_hogg.asp](http://www.srsc.org.uk/education/secondary/roddy_hogg.asp)*

*Legal Weapon - [www.srsc.org.uk/education/secondary/legal\\_weapon.asp](http://www.srsc.org.uk/education/secondary/legal_weapon.asp)*

*Legal Weapon - [www.legalweapon.co.uk](http://www.legalweapon.co.uk)*

*Young Driver's Website - [www.getinlane.com](http://www.getinlane.com)*

## 7. 'GETINLANE' WEBSITE FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

### What is the 'getinlane' website?

'Getinlane' is a website for young drivers, providing a one stop shop for driving related issues aimed at young drivers. Young drivers are much more likely to be involved in an accident than older drivers, with 17-25 year olds accounting for 10% of licence holders but over 20% of accidents.

The 'getinlane' website provides drivers with useful information and various interactive tests, including a hangover and drinking calculator, reaction tests and quizzes.



## What information is on this website?

The website includes information on:

- **Want to drive?** Learning to drive, the driving test and being a new driver.
- **New drivers** Driver training plus the chance to win a skid pan session.
- **On the road** Motorway, winter driving, personal safety, etc.
- **The law** with up to date legislation.
- **First wheels** The costs of owning a vehicle and a calculator to work out their own costs and a fun modification game.
- **Speed** with an interactive game.
- **Drink and drug driving** which includes a number of fun but informative sections, such as the hangover calculator.
- **Fatigue** and driving with an interactive reaction test.
- **What else** Motorcycling, driving abroad.

## How does this website link to the curriculum?

There are curricular links to Information and Communications Technology. The website also links to the upper secondary resources, which are taught in PSD.



### weblinks

*Getinlane - [www.getinlane.com](http://www.getinlane.com)*

## 8. DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT RESOURCES

### **Think! Campaign**

The Department for Transport's (DfT) Think! Campaign offers free road safety resources, such as posters, leaflets and stickers. It covers areas such as teenage road safety, new/young drivers, drink driving, speed, seat belts and mobile phones.

All DfT resources complement the SRSC resources, outlined in this booklet. To order DfT resources, please refer to the Useful Contacts section – DfT Free Literature – at the back of this booklet.

### **The Highway Code**

The Highway Code contains rules for all road users – pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists, motorcyclists and drivers.





### **Did you know that ...**

- You have a 1 in 200 chance of being killed in a road accident?
- Every day, on average, 10 people are killed and around 120 are seriously injured in road accidents?
- About half of all accidental deaths of children are due to road accidents?
- Pedestrians and cyclists account for 1 in 3 of those killed in road accidents?
- 1 in 5 drivers involved in an accident in which someone is injured is aged under 25?

By adopting the right attitude and behaviour as a road user, you can help reduce the number of deaths and injuries on the roads.

### **Weblinks**

*DfT Think Campaign - [www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk](http://www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk)*

*Highway Code - [www.highwaycode.gov.uk](http://www.highwaycode.gov.uk)*

## 9. USEFUL CONTACTS

### **Scottish Road Safety Campaign**

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[www.srsc.org.uk](http://www.srsc.org.uk)

[www.streetwiseguys.co.uk](http://www.streetwiseguys.co.uk)

[www.jrso.com](http://www.jrso.com)

[www.getinlane.com](http://www.getinlane.com)

**Email:** [enquiries@srsc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@srsc.org.uk)

### **Road Safety Officer**

Log onto this address to find out who your local road safety officer is.

[www.srsc.org.uk/about/units.asp](http://www.srsc.org.uk/about/units.asp)

### **DfT Free Literature**

PO Box 236

Wetherby

LS23 7NB

Tel: 0870 122 6236

Website: [www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk/](http://www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk/)

**Email:** [dft@twoten.press.net](mailto:dft@twoten.press.net)

### **Learning and Teaching Scotland**

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Glasgow

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Tel: 0141 337 5000

[www.LTScotland.com](http://www.LTScotland.com)

[www.ngflscotland.gov.uk](http://www.ngflscotland.gov.uk)

**Email:** [enquiries@LTScotland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@LTScotland.org.uk)

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Tel: 01382 443600



## **Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT)**

4th Floor  
18-20 Farringdon Lane  
London  
EC1R 3HA  
Tel: 020 7608 3828

[www.capt.org.uk](http://www.capt.org.uk)  
**Email:** [info@capt.org.uk](mailto:info@capt.org.uk)

## **Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)**

Slateford House  
Lanark Road  
Edinburgh  
EH14 1TL  
Tel: 0131 455 7457

[www.rospa.org.uk](http://www.rospa.org.uk)  
**Email:** [help@rospa.co.uk](mailto:help@rospa.co.uk)

## **Sustrans Safer Routes to School**

162 Fountainbridge  
Edinburgh  
EH14 1TL  
Tel: 01738 476 564

[www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk](http://www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk)  
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[www.legalweapon.co.uk](http://www.legalweapon.co.uk)  
[www.think.dft.gov.uk/](http://www.think.dft.gov.uk/)  
[www.roadusereducation.org/](http://www.roadusereducation.org/)  
[www.sandwell.gov.uk/stars/](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/stars/)  
[www.youngtransnet.org.uk/](http://www.youngtransnet.org.uk/)

### **Highway Code**

[www.highwaycode.gov.uk](http://www.highwaycode.gov.uk)  
[www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk/arrivealive/index.htm](http://www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk/arrivealive/index.htm)

### **Seatbelts & Car Seats**

[www.protectchild.co.uk](http://www.protectchild.co.uk)  
[www.childcarseat.org.uk](http://www.childcarseat.org.uk)

### **Walking**

[www.walktoschool.org.uk](http://www.walktoschool.org.uk)  
[www.healthpromotingschools.co.uk/](http://www.healthpromotingschools.co.uk/)



## **Cycling**

[www.cyclingscotland.org](http://www.cyclingscotland.org)  
[www.bhit.org/](http://www.bhit.org/)  
[www.scuonline.org/](http://www.scuonline.org/)  
[www.eco-schools.org.uk/](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/)

## **Accident Statistics**

[www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/land.htm](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/land.htm)  
[www.transtat.dft.gov.uk/roadsafe](http://www.transtat.dft.gov.uk/roadsafe)





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