



# 10 IMPORTANT POINTS ON STUDENT ROAD SAFETY AND SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Road safety education is vital for people of all ages. As a responsible citizen, you should be aware of each and every road safety rules.

Observation is the key skill you need in ensuring road safety.

Safety education begins right from your school. By obeying safety rules and regulations, you can save yourself and others on the road.

Today, student road safety is given more priority than earlier. Students are the future of a country and hence as a citizen, it is your responsibility to protect them.

Here follows 10 important points on the road safety and certain suggestions for improvement:

## #1 Awareness of Traffic Signs

There are different types of traffic signs you should know about. Some of them are discussed below:

### i. Hand Signals

Hand signals help you to avoid so many confusions as well as accidents. Some of the basic hand signals are: right hand swinging up and down with your palm facing downwards to slow down the vehicle, raising your forearm vertically outside to stop the vehicle and swinging the right arm forward and backward in a semicircular motion to allow the vehicle behind you overtake.

### ii. Direction Indicators

Direction indicators are very much useful for you, especially during night time travelling. One of the greatest advantages of direction indicators is that it is easier to recognize.

### iii. Traffic Signs and Symbols

Every important junction has traffic lights indicating different meaning that allow safe walking and travelling. You should be able to know some of the essential traffic signs for u-turn, one way, hospitals, schools, prohibited zones, no horn area etc. to avoid hazards.

### iv. Lanes of the Road

It is better for you to stay on the left side of the road at all times. When you are changing lanes, signal others by means of hand signals and direction indicators. Also you can avoid regular lane changing.

## #2 Speeding Limit

By setting permissible speed limit, you will be able to control traffic and thus ensure student road safety. Police officials are now making use of automated machines to track the speed of vehicles.

And they can impose penalty on people who are violating the speed limit.

In addition to this, you can install speed witness radars in high traffic areas and highways which works on the Doppler effect principle which gives the exact speed of every moving vehicle.

### **#3 Always Wear your Shields**

Seat belts should be made compulsory for ensuring student road safety.

You can persuade students using two wheelers to use helmets to avoid unwanted head injuries.

### **#4 Maintenance of Your Vehicle**

Before taking vehicle to the road, it is necessary for you to check the condition of vehicles. You should check out the petrol/diesel limit, bald tyres, glass wipers etc. carefully.

## #5 Implement the Driver Violation Point System

This system is designed to identify and take action against high risk drivers. Certain points are given for various traffic violations such as reckless driving, speeding, use of cell phones while driving, inadequate brakes, not using seat belts etc. and also it is recorded in the driving record.

Based on these records, you can suspend or revoke license of drivers who violate traffic regulations.

## #6 Awareness through Hoardings

You can make use of hoardings to display traffic rules as it easily grabs attention of people.

When people see it everyday, even the ones who don't have much education on the road safety will come to know about it. Such messages prove effective and helps to avoid careless accidents.

## #7 Benefit of Drivers

Vehicle insurance is having more importance and should be made mandatory for driving on the road. This helps you to claim for accident recovery and offer you another vehicle in times of damage or fire.

Public transport drivers will be given a regular eye check up free of cost. When you provide benefits, they will try to drive carefully.

## #8 Design of the Vehicle

Safety design of the vehicle helps to reduce accidents and is necessary at the time of choosing a vehicle.

Some vehicles will be designed in a way that help you to absorb the crash impact. This helps you to ensure student road safety.

## #9 Proper Road Maintenance and Warnings

It is difficult for you to drive in Indian roads during the rainy season. Hence roads should be constructed by keeping in mind a lifespan of at least 5 to 6 years. This can help to reduce the amount spent for repairing roads. Warning signs in vehicles should be shown in big letters so that others can see it properly and move accordingly.

## #10 Time Management

Improper time management can lead you to speed driving, which in turn result in serious injuries to yourself as well as others on the road. Hence it is better to reach your destination earlier than the scheduled time so as to avoid the dangers.

Rules are created to maintain uniformity in people and hence you should strictly follow safety rules and regulations to lead a safer and happier life. Proper guidance and support can help you ensure student road safety.

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