

Lesson 4: Intersections

Parents' Instructions

- Review the background information and Parent/Child Activity that follows.
- Have your child complete the age appropriate activity on the back.
- Sign the Rodeo Round-Up Form at Lesson 4 when the lesson is completed.
- Always set a good example by following these rules yourself, whether walking, bicycling, or driving.

Intersections Background

Thirty percent of all automobile-bicycle collisions involving children under 15 occur when a child rides through a stop sign or stop light without yielding to crossing traffic.

Parent/Child Activity

Discuss:

At stop signs, stop lights and other controlled intersections, you should stop, look left, look right, look left again, look back in the direction of traffic, listen and make sure it is clear of traffic before crossing. If traffic is approaching, wait until it has cleared and initiate the look sequence again. Keep looking as you go through the intersection.

Practice:

Review the "rules of the road" regarding stop signs and stop lights. Then, take your children to a controlled intersection and practice crossing safely. Explain that when riding in a group, each bicyclist must stop and make sure it is clear of traffic before crossing. Teach your young children to walk their bikes through busy intersections. Remind them that it is the law to obey traffic signals even when no one appears to be coming. Most importantly, set a good example by following the "rules of the road" yourself when you are driving and riding a bike.

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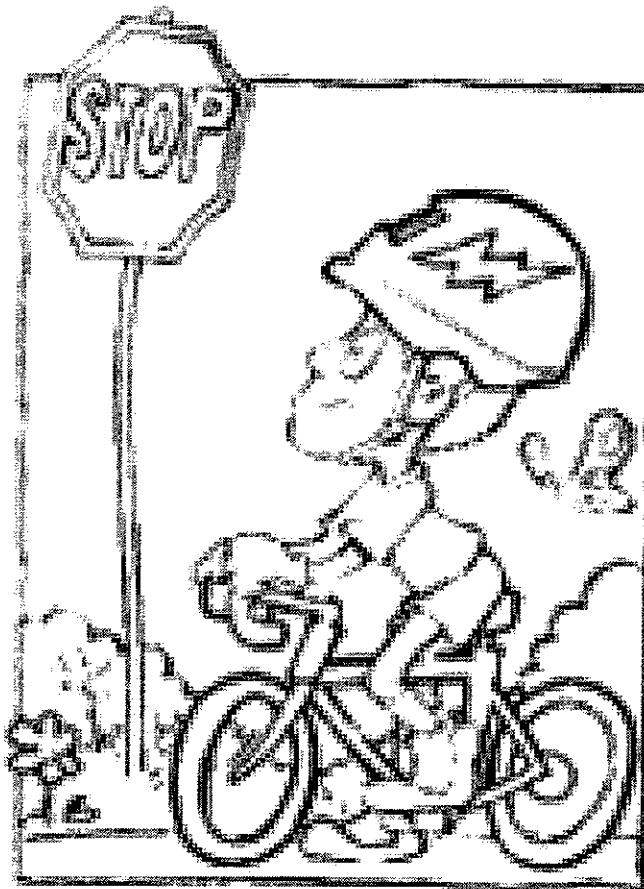
Activity Grades K-3

Color the rider below. Notice how he has come to a complete stop at the intersection.

Activity Grades 4-6

- Describe why you should always stop your bicycle at stop signs and intersections
- Describe how much time you think it would take to stop your bicycle correctly, look left, right, left again, look back, keep looking as you face front again, and proceed cautiously.

Is it worth possible serious injury or death to save a few seconds by not stopping at intersections?



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