# West Virginia ROAD READY




**Teaching K-12 Students To Stay Alert and Safe on West Virginia Roads**

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This program aligns with state standards for wellness and driver education—specifically WVBE Policy 2520.5 and WVBE Policy 2520.8.

# MISSION: SAFE ROADS




This book is brought to you by the West Virginia Department of Transportation in partnership with the WV Highway Safety Management Task Force. Together they help keep roads, sidewalks, and crossings safe for everyone.

That means YOU, your family, your friends, your neighbors ... even your dog!

They're part of your safety team—and now, you are too.



# Let's Get To Know You

My name is _____.

I am _____ years old.

I'm in _____ grade.

My teacher's name is _____

_____.

I live in _____.
(city or town)

**This book belongs to a future safety leader!**



# My Safety Style

My favorite way to get around is: _____

_____.

Someone I want to keep safe is: _____

_____.

One smart road safety rule I already know is:

_____

_____.

If I had a safety superpower,
it would be: _____

_____.

**Thanks for sharing.
Now let's get started!**



# This Book is Kind of Like ...



A puzzle—because you'll figure things out



A toolbox—because it's full of smart tools



A game—because it's hands-on and fun



A safety vest—because it helps protect you



A sketchbook—because it shows what you know

**You're in charge of what you do with it.**
**Let's go!**



# My Role in Road Safety

Safety is something we build together.
Think about how your choices affect others.

One way I help keep my community safe: _____

_____.

One person I admire for how they

stay safe: _____

_____.

One idea I'd like to share with others:

_____

_____

_____.



**You don't need all the answers yet. Just stay curious, and keep noticing what matters.**

# Choose the Smartest Route

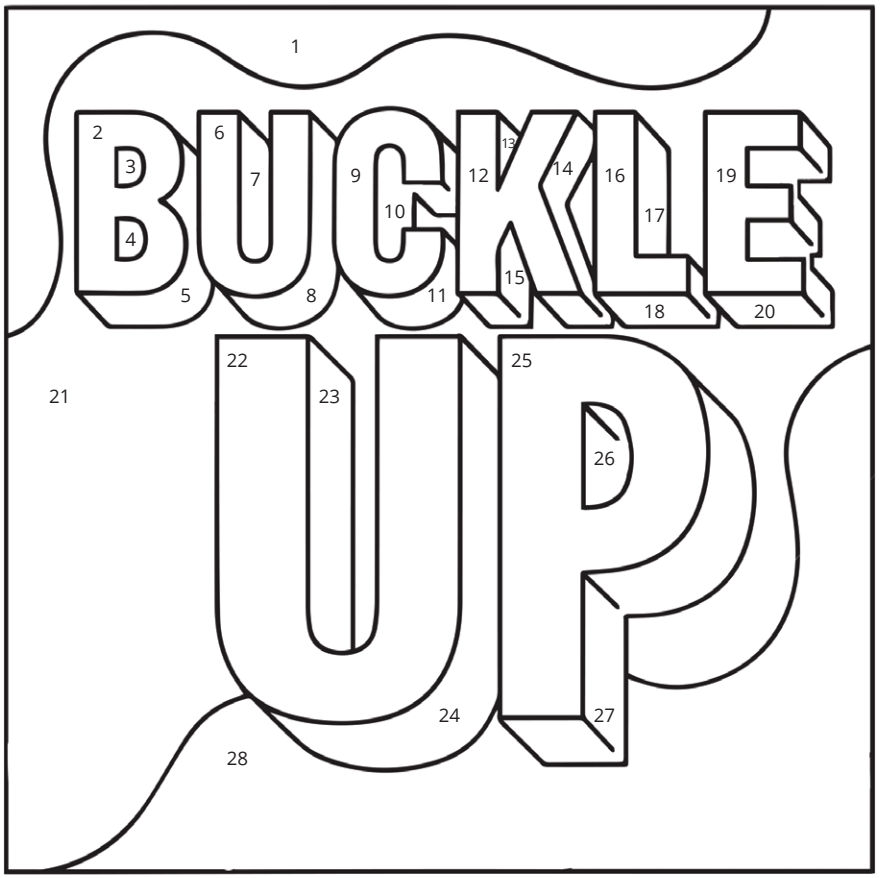
You're walking to school—can you choose the safest path? Avoid tricky spots like puddles, traffic, or construction. Stick to sidewalks, crosswalks, and safe areas.






# Track Your Seat Belt Streak

Keep a streak going! Each time you buckle up, color a section of the picture. How many days in a row did you wear your seat belt?




**Wearing your seat belt cuts your risk of serious injury in a crash by half. Make it a habit—no matter where you're sitting.**

# CAR DISTRACTION CHALLENGE

Distractions make it harder for drivers to stay focused. Find all the distraction words in the puzzle.

## WORD LIST:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Music | Talking | Text |
| Phone | Game | Scream |
| Pets | Noise | Drum |
| Videos | Wiggle | Poke |
| Snacks | Argue | Kick |

I'm bored!

I'm hungry!

I'm thirsty!

I'm tired!

Guess what?!

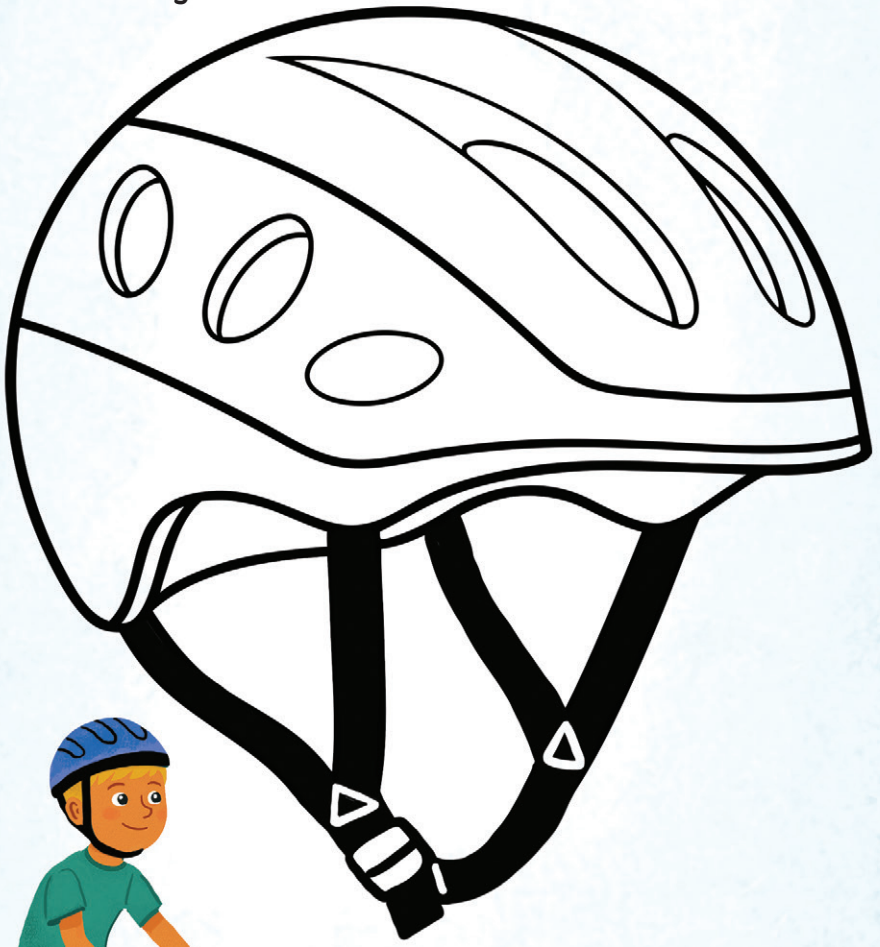
Did you see that?

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**Seat belts keep you safe and snug in your seat. Always buckle up—every ride, every time.**

# Build a Better Brain Protector

Helmets are made to absorb impact and keep your brain safe. Design a helmet that shows off your style and safety smarts.



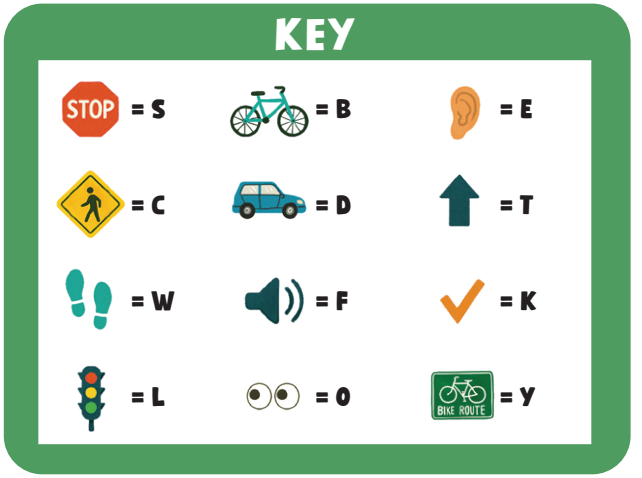


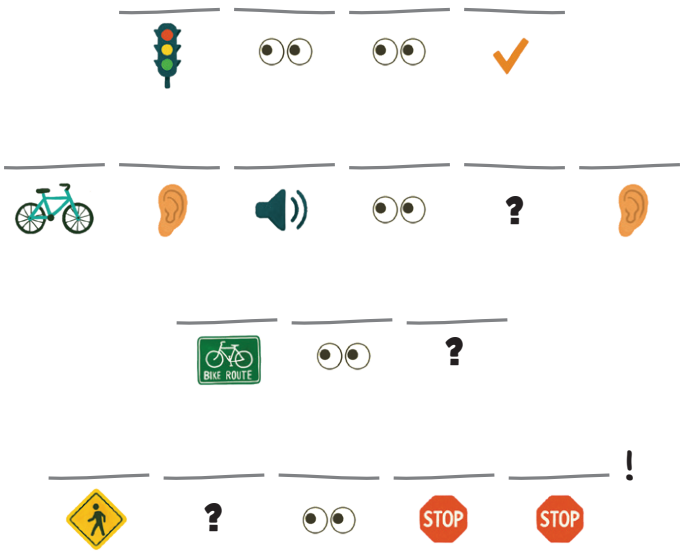
**Wearing a helmet reduces your risk of a head injury by up to 85%. Smart riders protect their brains—every ride, every time.**



# Crack the Code!

Each symbol below stands for a letter. Plus, the ? symbols are for you to figure out. Use the key to figure out the secret road safety message!




**You cracked the code!**
**Safe choices start with smart thinking.**

# IN CHARGE OF SAFETY

Imagine you're the director of road safety in your town. What rules would you make? What would you fix or improve? Write your best ideas—and draw a picture of them if you'd like!

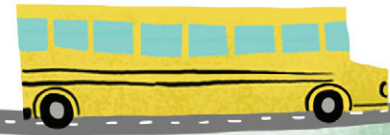


**Great leaders notice problems and think of solutions. You can make roads safer with your ideas.**



# SCHOOL BUS RULES

## (WITH A TWIST!)



**Fill in the blanks to create your own version of the official school bus safety guide.**

There are some rules you have to follow on the school bus. They help everyone stay safe—and not just from flying _____ (silly snack).

**Rule 1:** Sit in your seat and face forward (even if you hear a loud _____ (sound word)).

**Rule 2:** Always listen to the driver (even if they sound like a _____ (funny animal)).

**Rule 3:** Don't yell, shout, or _____ (something gross) across the aisle.

**Rule 4:** Keep your arms (and your _____ (object you'd bring on a field trip)) inside the bus at all times.

**Rule 5:** When getting on, make sure the driver can see you.

**Rule 6:** Keep your stuff (like your _____ (famous person or character)) out of the walkway.

**Rule 7:** And remember: No matter what, don't get distracted by a _____ (weird thing you could see out a window) riding a _____ (something with wheels) outside the window.

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BINGO

Being a smart pedestrian takes practice. Check off each item as you do it or see it in real life.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Don't rush across streets ☐ | Use a crosswalk ☐ | Wear reflective or bright clothing ☐ | Help a younger student ☐ |
| Stay off your phone while walking ☐ | Obey Walk/Don't Walk signals ☐ | Say "thank you" to a helper ☐ | Wait for traffic to stop ☐ |
| Spot safety signs ☐ | Teach someone a safety rule ☐ | Listen to your surroundings ☐ | Look left, right, left ☐ |
| Don't listen to music ☐ | Stop and check before crossing driveways ☐ | Make eye contact with a driver ☐ | Watch for cars ☐ |

**Great pedestrians don't just follow rules—they pay attention, speak up, and help others stay safe too.**

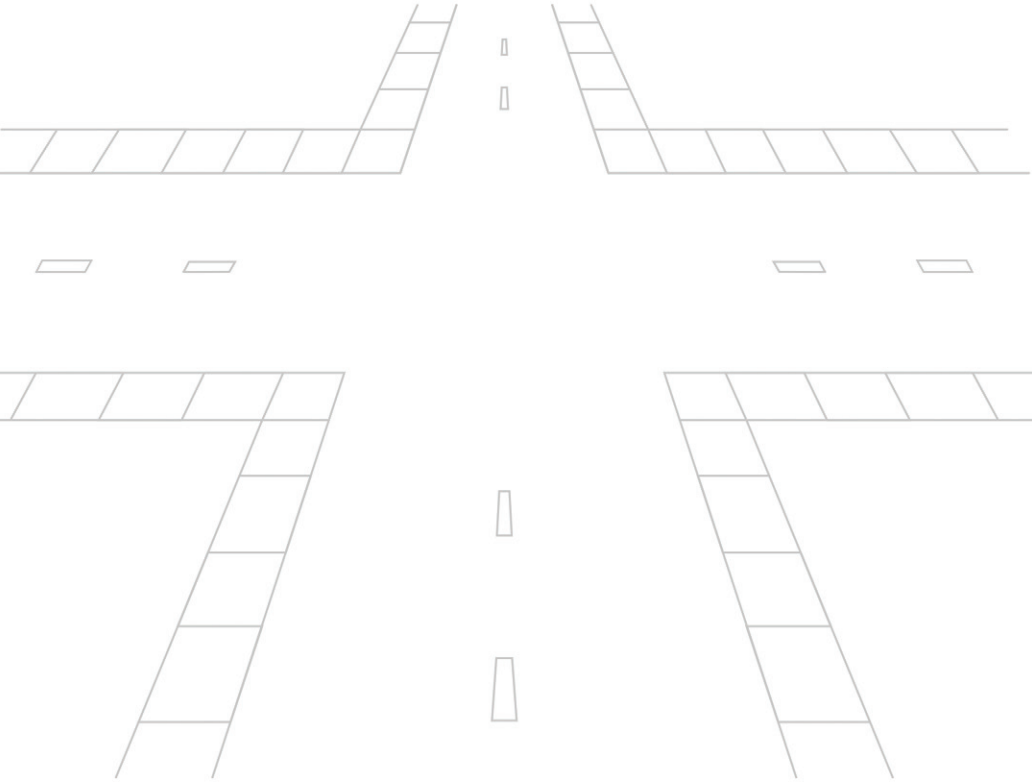
Fill in the thought bubbles with safe thoughts and reminders.



# Design a Safe Street

Draw a street that's safe for all kinds of people—walkers, bikers, and drivers. Think about:

- Crosswalks and sidewalks
- Safety signs and signals
- Anything with wheels
- Where people walk, ride, and drive



**Designing safe spaces helps everyone move around more safely. What would your community need?**



# Create Your Own Safety Rule

Imagine you're in charge of making new road safety rules. What's one smart rule you'd add to keep people safe? Write your rule and explain why it matters.



# MY ROAD SAFETY LOG

List safe choices you've made. Write what you did and when you did it.

| Date | What I Did | Date | What I Did |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
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| | | | |
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**Keeping track of your actions helps you build strong safety habits.**

# Create a Safety Song or Rap

Write your own song, rhyme, or rap to help people remember to wear a helmet. Make it catchy and include a safety tip!





**Using your voice is a powerful way to spread safety!**





# Safety Starts With Me

Think about a time you made a safe choice. Draw yourself in that moment and explain what you did.

**Being a role model means doing the right thing—even when no one is watching.**

# What the Signs Tell Us

Every sign gives us a message about staying safe. Here's what these signs remind us to do:




### Stop Sign

Take a moment to stop and check for traffic.



### Walk/Don't Walk Signal

Don't guess—wait until it's your turn to cross.



### Crosswalk

Cross where drivers expect you to be.



### School Crossing

Slow down and stay alert near schools.




### Bike Route

Know where bikes should ride—and where to watch for them.



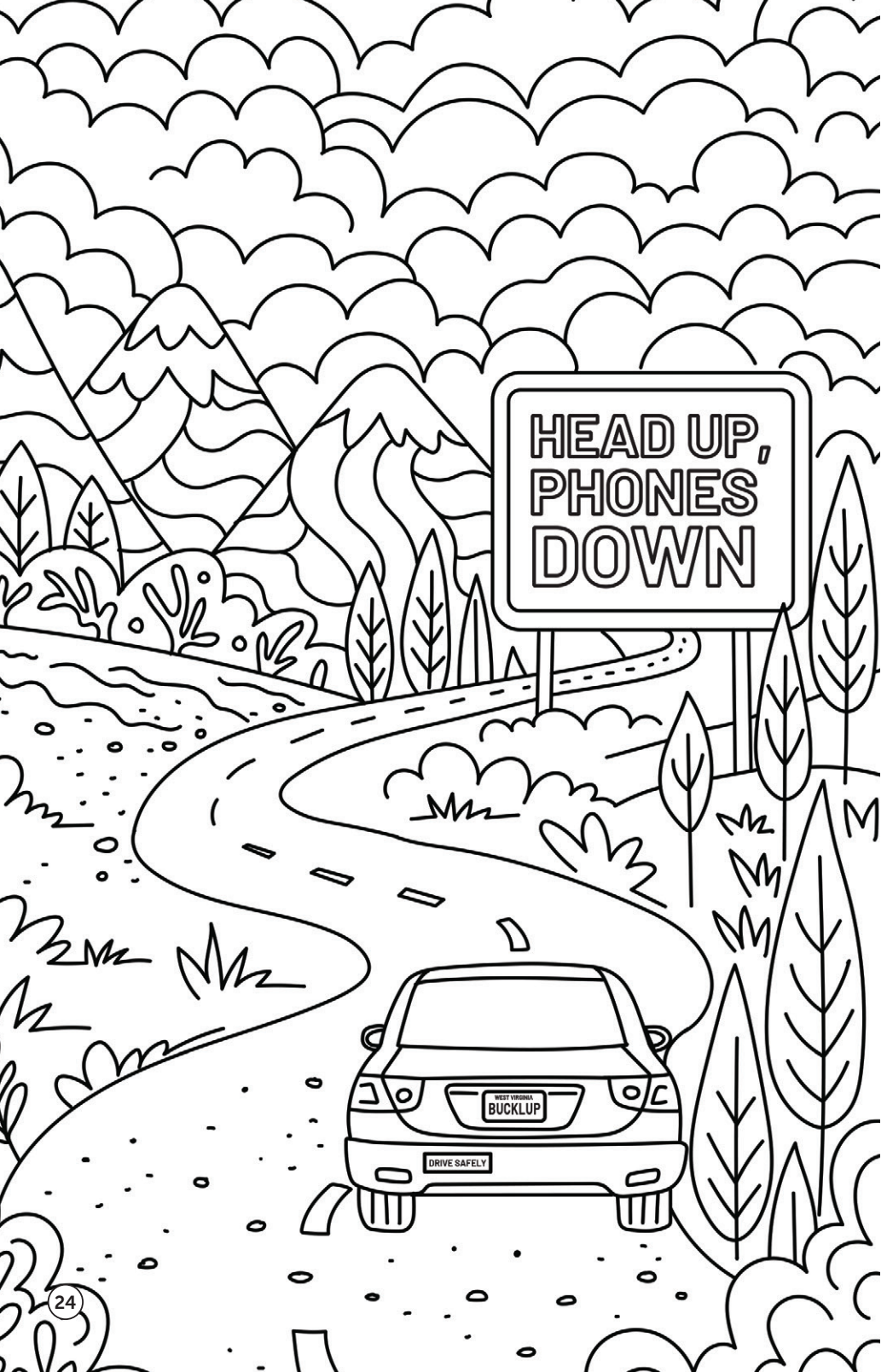

### Yield Sign

Let others go first when it's their turn.



**Look closely at the picture. There are 14 safety signs hidden all around. Can you find them?**






# BE SAFE, WEST VIRGINIA!

Let's make West Virginia a safer place together. Color the page on the left. Then, share it with someone you care about to help spread one of the safety messages in this book.

## My Safety Promise

When I'm walking, I will _____

_____.

When I'm biking or riding, I will _____

_____.

Every day, I will _____

_____

_____.

When you make a promise to be safe, you're helping everyone around you too!



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