

'All About Risks' - 'Are you a risk-taker?'

It is possible to tell which of you are more likely to have an accident because you tend to take risks in many things you do.

- 1) On your Riskometer, mark with the letter 'A' where you think you are as a risk-taker. So, if you don't think you take many risks in life your score will be low, and if you think you do take lots of risks your score will be high.
- 2) Next ask two friends whether they think you are a risk-taker and ask them to give you a score. Mark these on your Riskometer with a 'B' and a 'C'.
- 3) Now, answer the questions on the questionnaire by ticking either 'Yes' or 'No'. Count your 'Yes' score and mark this on the appropriate place on your Riskometer with a 'D'.



- Are you a higher or lower risk-taker than you thought, or did you get it about right?
- Were your friends right or wrong about you?
- Who got the closest to the questionnaire result? You or your friends?
- Discuss the results.

The questionnaire:

- If your score is less than 5 you are generally a careful person – but look at the 'Yes' answers and decide if they are all in the same 'area' of life. For example, are they all about crossing the road, or are they spread out over a variety of things?
- If your score is 5 or more, you are taking some risks in your life. Think about the risks you have taken and see if they are all similar situations. For example, near the road, or in the home, or about going out independently.
- If your score is 10 or more, you are taking lots of risks and are probably not listening to the advice of adults.
- If your score is more than 15 you are taking risks in lots of things you do. Why do you think your score is so high? Discuss the possible consequences of your risk-taking with your teacher and friends – will you be repeating these risks?

Discuss in your groups what you could do to reduce your score.

Road Safety in the Secondary Curriculum

Year 8

Risk-taking Questionnaire

Do you take risks?	Yes	No
Have you travelled in a car without wearing your seat-belt?		
Have you sunbathed in the summer sun without skin protection?		
Have you swum in a lake or river or the sea when there was no lifeguard or when the red flag was flying?		
Have you distracted the driver of a car or misbehaved on the school bus?		
Have you burnt food because you left it cooking unsupervised?		
Have you ever deliberately run across a road just before a car comes?		
Have you crossed roads where there are proper crossings without using them?		
Have you ridden your bike without wearing a helmet?		
Have you switched an electrical appliance on or off with wet or damp hands?		
Have you lied about your age?(to get into see a film perhaps)		
Have you ridden a bike with poor brakes or worn tyres?		
Have you set off fireworks somewhere you shouldn't have?		
Have you knowingly been in a car when the driver didn't have insurance or a full licence?		
Have you dived or jumped into a swimming- pool or river without knowing its depth?		
Have you been in a car where the driver was on the mobile phone?		
Have you come home much later than your parents/carers told you to?		
Have you been out near the road after dark wearing only dark clothing?		
Have you been out until late without telling your parents/carers where you were going?		
Have you started to cross the road and had to wait in the middle for traffic to pass?		
Have you ever gone anywhere an adult has told you isn't safe?		
TOTAL		

Name:

Class: