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Brief Report: Increasing Children's Safe Pedestrian Behaviors through Simple Skills Training

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Objectives Hundreds of American children are killed and thousands more injured annually as pedestrians. Simple and effective interventions targeting behavioral changes in children are needed. **Methods** The present study tested a simple, skill-based training method for increasing safe pedestrian behaviors. Eighty-five children ages 5–8 participated. **Results** Children behaved more safely following training, indicating very brief training can produce at least short-term improvements in pedestrian behaviors. **Conclusions** Results are discussed with regard to the involvement of parents in the practical application of a simple training procedure and future directions for pedestrian interventions.


Key words: injury prevention; pedestrian safety; training and intervention; unintentional injury.


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