



## Downloads

- Obie's colouring sheets
- Obie's discussion questions

## Materials

- Obie's Safe Crossing Story
- Colouring materials

## Tips

- This activity could be done as part of a leadership, service learning, or physical education course
- Leave a few hardcopies of 'Obie's Safe Crossing Story' behind with the class
- Don't be afraid to ask the teacher for help with classroom management
- Leave the following url with the teacher for additional resources" [www.cn.ca/obie](http://www.cn.ca/obie)

## OBIE'S SAFE CROSSING STORY



Visit a local kindergarten or grade one class to read 'Obie's Safe Crossing Story' and teach elementary school students about train safety.

### Background

- The number of fatalities and serious injuries due to pedestrian and vehicle crashes with trains in Canada is extremely high. These events are usually preventable and could be avoided if more Canadians were aware of proper train safety protocol.
- By visiting local elementary schools and talking to young Canadians about train safety, No Regrets team members are given an opportunity to contribute to their community and potentially save young lives.

### The Activity'

The following steps are guidelines for you to read "Obie's Safe Crossing Story" to a local elementary school. Feel free to make the activity your own so that it is relevant to your classroom, school, or community.

- Request hardcopies of 'Obie's Safe Crossing Story' from SMARTRISK
- Contact the elementary school at least two to three weeks in advance to select the best time for the students, yourselves, and your staff advisor.
- Ask for volunteers from your No Regrets team to take part in the activity.
- Divide up the lines of the story and practice reading together a few times before your visit.
- Begin by introducing rail safety to the students (see Discussion Questions download)
- Spend 10 to 15 minutes reading the story, 10-15 minutes generating discussion and answering questions, and the last 10 to 15 minutes for colouring.

### Engaging Students and Community Partners

- Invite the local media to cover the visit, or write a brief article for the local paper yourselves.
- Invite a CN police officer to support your visit and to provide extra knowledge on the issue. See [www.cn.ca/obie](http://www.cn.ca/obie) and click on 'For Grown-Ups' on the left hand side for more information.

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