# Construction Around Schools Safety Toolkit

## Introduction

This kit is designed to provide safety information and resources to schools in Peel experiencing construction on the roads in their neighbourhood.

## What is in this kit?

* Resources to share with your school community
* Announcement template
* Newsletter template
* Poster to print (please contact [walkandroll@peelregion.ca](mailto:walkandroll@peelregion.ca) to have physical copies delivered)

## Resources to share with your school community

* This [Construction Safety Kahoot](https://create.kahoot.it/share/construction-around-schools-safety-quiz/67d55436-77a8-4e24-ab1b-f317e059cac4) can test your class's knowledge on how to be safe near construction zones and the meaning of construction signs.
* The link below shows an interactive GIS map of all construction happening around Peel. It can be used to find more information about construction happening in your community, including projected start and end dates, and project contact information.
* <https://capitalprojects.giswebpub.peelregion.ca/CIP_2_2/>
* VDOT Work Zone Awareness Week 2024 - [Statewide Kids Safety Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IK2kyWA99g)

## Announcement Template

*School announcements are a great way to alert the whole school community about upcoming or ongoing construction. Please modify the content in the <> parentheses and fill in the blanks to adapt the announcements for your school.*

Good morning staff and students. This is an important safety announcement. Construction < will be beginning shortly / has begun >near our school.

This construction is estimated to last < until DATE / for a few days/weeks/months >. During this time, we need to be extra cautious when travelling near the construction zone. Remember to stay alert, give construction zones extra space, and follow any detour signs.

## Newsletter Template

*To update the school community on upcoming or ongoing construction around your school, please find below, a newsletter template that you can include in your school newsletter or website.*

*Please complete the newsletter by modifying the highlighted content within the < > parentheses:*

<School Name> community, this is an important safety announcement. Construction <will be beginning shortly / has begun> near our school. This construction may impact school travel routes including by car, bus, foot, or bicycle.

What to expect:

* Partial closure of roads
* Presence of construction workers during working hours
* 24/7 signage in place to assist with access
* Trucks and equipment on site

Safety reminders:

* Do not enter construction zones, even if there is no visible work being done
* Always walk on sidewalks and **follow detour signs when present**
* Make eye contact with equipment drivers – you are smaller than equipment, so when passing by a construction zone be sure that drivers see you
* Avoid distractions like cell phones when travelling near work zones as there may be unexpected hazards

Remember, we all need to work together to ensure everyone stays safe.

For more information, please visit <https://www.peelregion.ca/construction/projects/current-projects/> or contact [construction@peelregion.ca](mailto:construction@peelregion.ca) or (905) 791-7800 ext. 4409.

**Construction safety poster; print from attached PDF**

