

Introduction for SRO's and Teachers



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Massachusetts newspaper article:

Within the first six months after getting a license, nearly 50% of teen drivers were involved in an accident.

My hypothesis:

Kids have accidents because

they don't know why

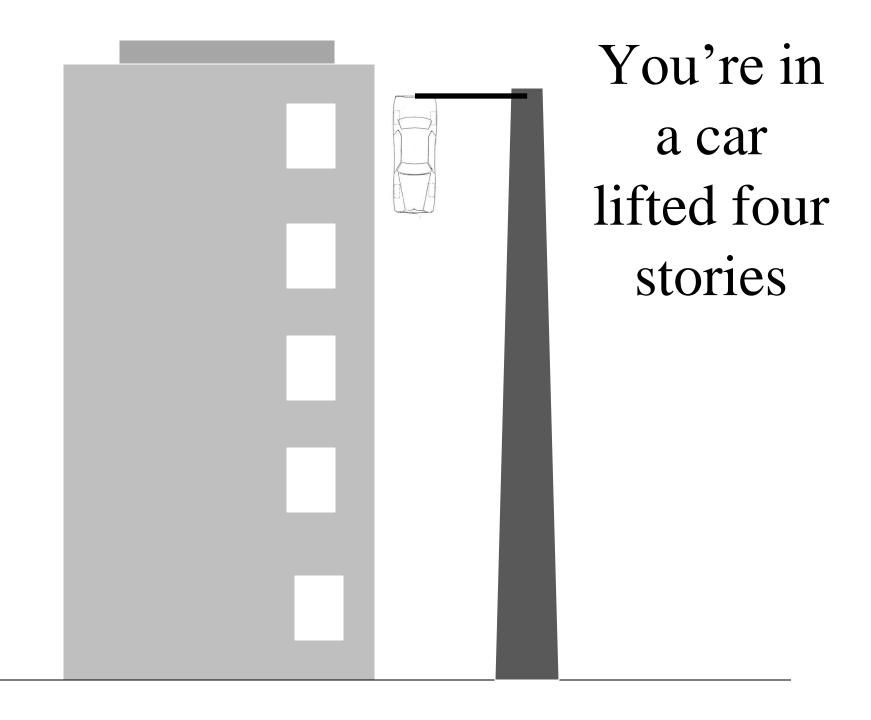
crashes happen.

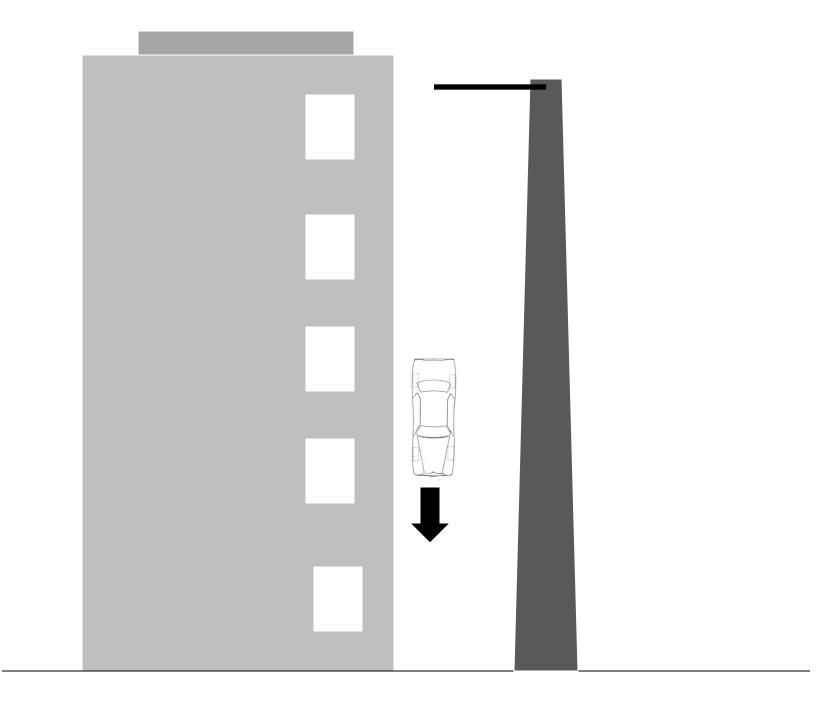
If your car is only going 35 mph you really can't get hurt badly in an accident.

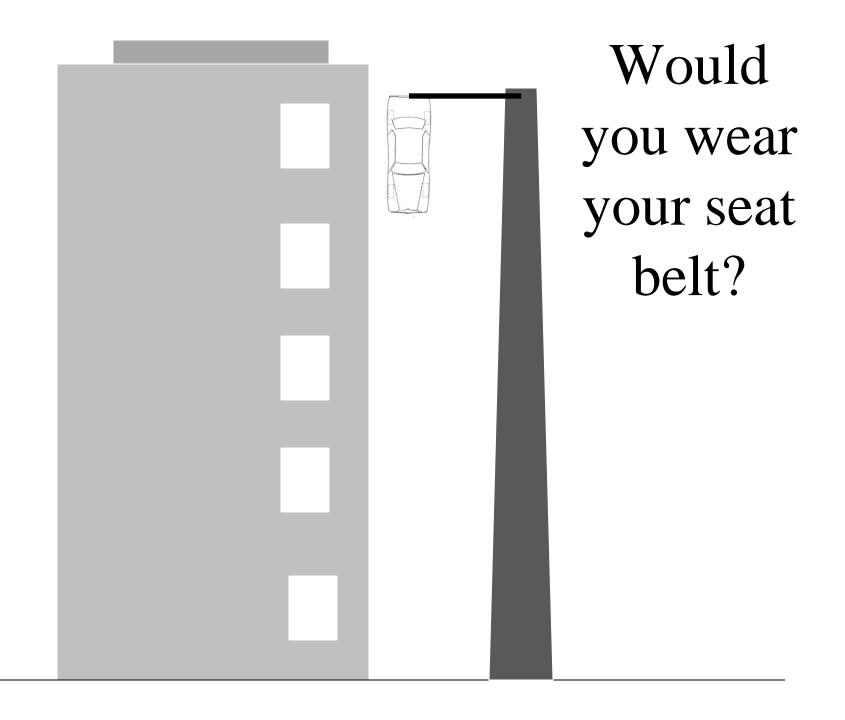
AGREE 76%

DISAGREE 18%

NO OPINION 6%









An impact at 35 mph is like being dropped from a four-story building.





Elena Dmitriev



What can we do to help new drivers be safer?

What can we do to make science and math more interesting?

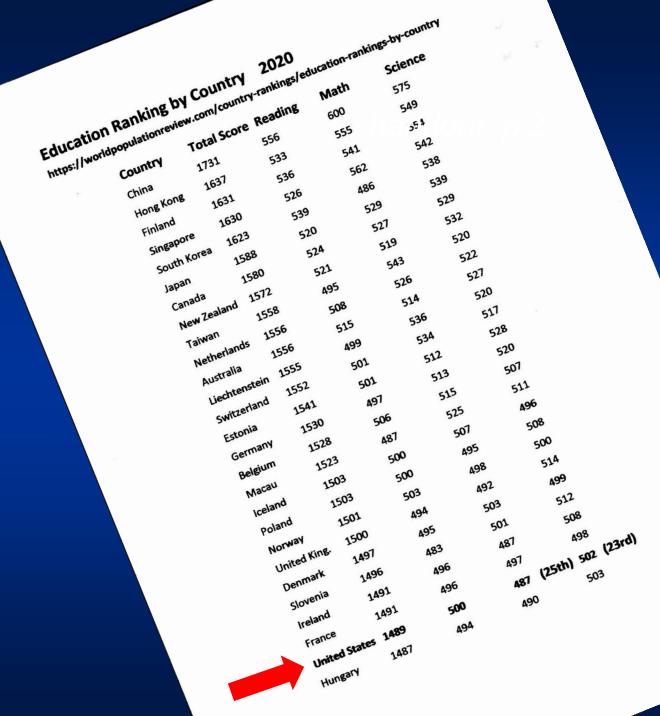


Science and Math resources for grades 8 -12

CRASH! addresses two problems:

- Automobile crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers (70 % +)
- Many kids are turned off to science and math by the time the are high school seniors
 - (As a country, the US ranks 25th in math and science)

handout



handout p.1

How much time does it take?



does <u>not</u> require any additional time



is <u>not</u> a structured program or module (like D.A.R.E.)



is used with existing lessons



is a collection of teaching resources...



that make science and math more interesting

physics biology

science math

health studies driver's ed



Kansas City, Missouri

St. Teresa's Academy

TO:

From:

Judy Downey, MetLife CRASH! The Science of Collisions Materials

Re:

I have been teaching physics at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City, Missouri, for the past ten years. One of my goals is to make physics exciting and interesting for my students. This past year I began using activities from CRASH! to teach many of the scientific principles I already cover in my curriculum. I did not change my curriculum to include these CRASH! activities; I simply used CRASH! materials in place of text or lab book exercises. CRASH! provides students with a powerful connection between science and real-life situations. Also through our discussion students became more aware of the importance of safe driving practices. learning process and were truly engaged in the CRASH! activities.

David Beier, a 6th grade teacher in Lee's Summit, Mo has used several CRASH! activities and says:

"The CRASH! kit is full of materials that are a perfect supplement to many of my classes. I have used about six of the activities in my sixth-grade science classes, and I love that I can use the activities as assessments of what my students have been learning. The CRASH program is a tremendous way for me to keep my science classes interesting and vibrant. My students end up on a collision course with learning."

I truly believe that the CRASH! materials are an excellent addition to my Physics and Physical Science classrooms. The materials are easy to incorporate into an already existing curriculum and should not require any changes to a schools' existing curriculum. I applaud MetLife for its commitment to improve and enhance students learning in the classroom. At the same time CRASH! activities will raise students awareness of the importance of driving safely and wearing seat belts as well as the consequences of accidents and collisions.

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St. Teresa's Academy

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WHAT DO TEACHERS SAY

"Through these interesting, hands-on activities, students learn science principles without even realizing it!"

Arthur Gage, physics teacher

video @ www.legalsciences.com/crash/

"CRASH! shows kids how science and math relate to real life, and they get excited about learning."

Maryanne Butler, CT Science Supervisor

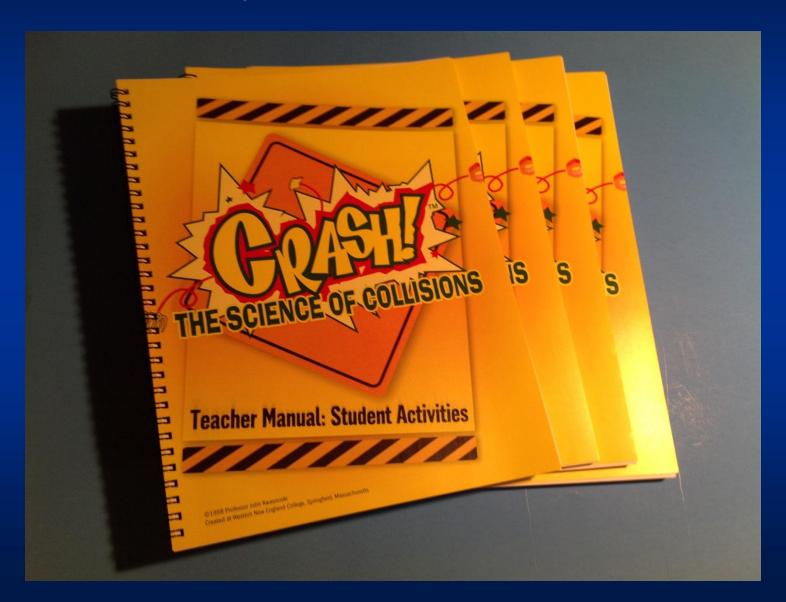
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"Three kids got to sit in the police car and the officer did an emergency stop with the tires screeching. They were going crazy in the back seat. They couldn't wait to take the measurements."

> Officer Robert Wilde North Providence, R.I. PD

FEEDBACK FROM TEACHERS and STUDENTS

Where do you start?



Each Teacher's
Manual has a
table of contents.

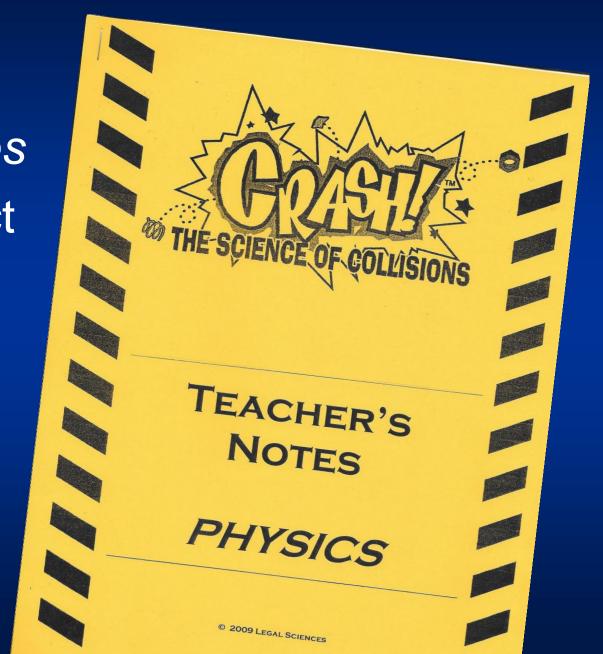
Science Manual, p.4

PERCEPTION - REACTION TIME NEWTON'S LAWS Page CRASH ACTIVITIES-SCIENCE Examining Lamps for ON/OFF at Impact Investigating a Motor Vehicle Homicide Case Was it Safe to Cross? Driver Perception-reaction Time Distractions Can Be Deadly! Skateboards and Cars Don't Mix People Can't Flyl Vehicle Kinematics Does Speeding Really Save Time?

There are

Teacher's Notes

for each subject

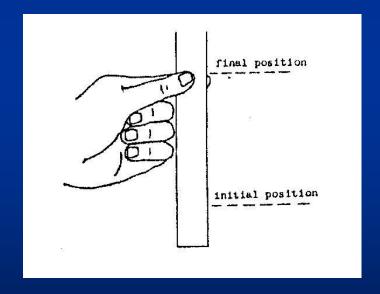


Sample activities

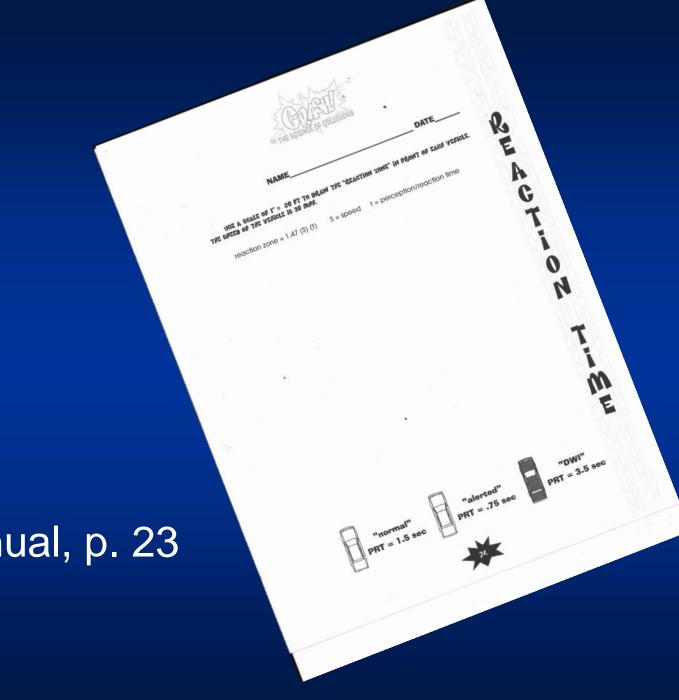
The CRASH! activities easily adapt to *remote learning*.

science activity:

Making a "chronoscope" to measure perception-reaction time

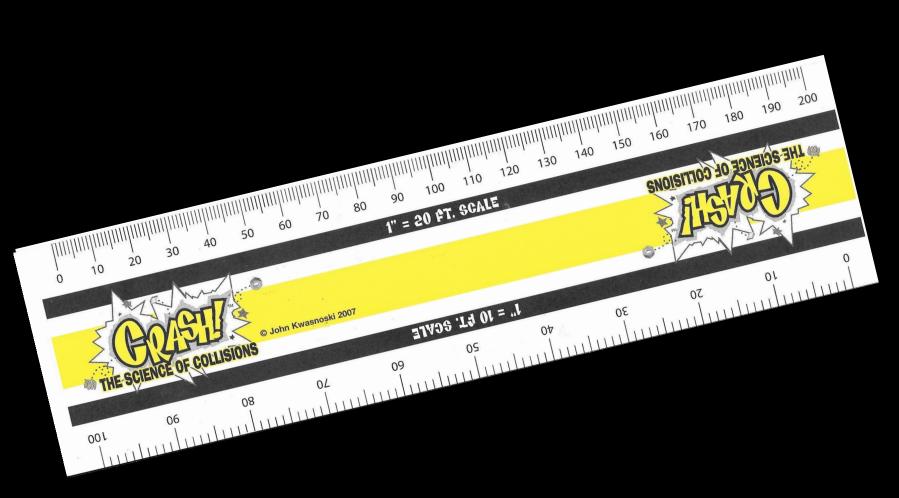


Science Manual, p. 17



Science Manual, p. 23

reaction distance = 1.47 S t





NAME	DATE

USE A SCALE OF 1" = 20 FT TO DRAW THE "REACTION ZONE" IN FONT OF EACH VEHICLE. THE SPEED OF THE VEHICLE IS 30 MPH.

reaction zone = 1.47 (S) (t) S = speed t = perception eaction.**

OUTSIDE demonstration?



"normal" PRT = 1.5 sec



"alerted" **PRT = .75** sec



"DWI" PRT = 3.5 sec



There are 12 alcohol-impaired driving activities...

STOP DWI funding can be used to purchase CRASH!

3 DVD's

are included in the CRASH! Toolbox

(Impaired Driver Testing, Sheridan Animation, Crash Testing)

3 CD's

are included in the CRASH! Toolbox\

(The INVESTIGATOR, BACSim, Resources CD)

Resources CD is a backup, with all police reports, forensic photos, videos, and computer softwares

The message for law enforcement:

CRASH! saves kids' lives!

Remember my hypothesis:

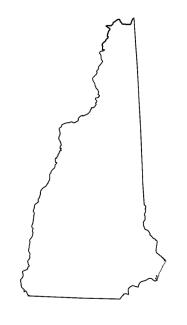
Kids have accidents because they don't know why crashes happen.



tells them why!







Funded by GOHS in NH and MetLife in RI

CRASH! was used for one full year and...



teen deaths went

down by 25%



The message for teachers:

CRASH! motivates kids using real applications of math and science



- aligns with NY state learning guidelines and supports mandated testing
- is used within existing lessons (no new topics are introduced)
- no special teacher training is needed
- no additional time is required

CRASH! overview video (2 min.)

What they say video (2 min.) (students and teachers)

List of activities – handout and online

FAQ's – handout and online

Sheriff's letter – handout and online

Today's presentations - video



Chief Reggie Redfern, Past President New England Assoc. of Chiefs of Police

"When a young driver is killed, the whole community grieves...

now we can do something

before it happens."

Questions?

www.legalsciences.com/crash!/

Do we need a CRASH! kit for each school?

Yes. If both a senior and junior high school want to use CRASH! each school should have a CRASH! kit.

Can more than one teacher use the CRASH! kit at the same time?

Yes, Each teacher can print a teacher's Manual and other materials from the Resources disc.

How long does the CRASH! kit last?

Nothing in the CRASH! kit is consumable. All materials can be printed from the Resources disc.

What do we do if we lose a video or software?

Make another from the Resources disc.

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