



GOING TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE ROAD SAFETY CENTRE

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ON THE ROAD**



WITH Jeff
THE ROAD SAFETY DOG

and
South Australia Police

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Before I go to the Road Safety Centre, I can visit the SA Police website to watch some videos or do some activities about road safety at [SAPOL - Road safety resources \(police.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.police.sa.gov.au/sapol-road-safety-resources)

The South Australia Police Road Safety Centre is located in Bonython Park in Adelaide.

I may drive with my family or friends, catch a bus, tram or train or walk to the Road Safety Centre.

When I get there, I will walk through the mock roadway. On the roadway, there are lots of road signs, pedestrian crossings and traffic lights. There won't be cars, trucks, trains or buses because it is not a real roadway.

I will then walk through the black gates to the Road Safety Centre.



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There will be bikes lined up that I will get to use after I have learnt about road safety in the classroom.

I will then meet a police officer who is going to teach me about road safety. The police officer will give me some safety instructions and I will stand and listen to them before I go inside.

If I have my bag with me I will be asked to place it in the lockers under the shelter, it will be safe there while I learn about road safety. If I have a drink bottle, I can place it in the esky so that I can have a drink if I need when I'm riding on the mock roadway.

I will then say goodbye to my parents or guardian who will come back to watch me ride on the mock roadway a little later in the morning.

When I go into the Road Safety Centre, there are many things to look at and do. There will be screens with road safety information and I can look and do the activities while we wait for all of participants to arrive.



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There are toilets inside and a water fountain where I can fill up my drink bottle if I need too.

When I go into the classroom, I will sit on the floor and listen to the road safety information.

The police officer will talk to me and I will get to watch some videos. The videos will feature Jeff the Road Safety Dog. Sometimes Jeff the Road Safety Dog makes a special appearance at the Centre so I might get to see him.

The police officer may ask the students to yell out 'road safety rules' when each of the video's finish, this may be loud.



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I may have some tools like headphones or fidgets to help me feel calm. If I don't have any with me, the police officer will have some that I can use.

I will then go for a walk on the roadway with the police officer and the other participants. The police officer will teach me about the road signs on the roadway and how to cross the road safely.

The police officer will then take me back inside and I will learn some more about road safety and watch some more videos.



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I will then be given some safety information before I get to ride on one of the bikes.

It is important to listen to this information so I can ride a bike safely.

I will then need to wait in line so that I can get a bike helmet. Someone will help me to make sure that the helmet is fitted correctly so it is safe. This might be a police officer or a police volunteer.

I will then get to pick a bike that I would like to ride. It is important that I pick the right bike for my riding ability. Some bikes at the Road Safety Centre are small, some are big, some have three wheels, some training wheels and some have two wheels. There will be a bike that I can ride there.



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I will then get to ride the bike on the roadway. It is important that I look out for the road signs, obey the road rules and practice the things that I have learnt in the road safety classroom.

While I am riding on the roadway, I will hear the police officer talking to the students over a PA system, this system has speakers on the track so it may be loud.

I might also hear some train crossing sirens. These might come on from time to time and if I am near the railway crossing on the roadway, I will have to stop behind the white line and wait for the sirens to stop before I can cross.

If I get tired of riding my bike around the roadway, I can put my bike back next to the shed and walk around the track as a pedestrian. This means I can cross the track at all of the different pedestrian crossings that I have learnt about in the classroom.



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If it is raining, the police officer will decide if it is safe to ride my bike so I don't get hurt.

When the police officer says, it is time to finish riding I will ride my bike to the black gates, then walk with my bike, and place it against the side of the building.

I can then take my helmet off and put it on the table. A police officer or police volunteer will then clean all of the helmets and bikes so they are ready for other participants to use.

The police officer will ask me to sit down so I can be presented with my certificate. My parents or guardians will be asked to be there to see this.



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The police officer will then call my name and I can go up and receive my certificate. I can have a photo with the police officer and Jeff the Road Safety Dog. This photo will be sent to me in an email.

Once everyone has received their certificate I will be given a bag that contains road safety things that I can take home to remember my visit to the Road Safety Centre and the lessons I have learnt.

I must make sure I collect everything that I came with, like a bag, medication or drink bottle.

I will say goodbye to the police officer and leave with my parents or guardian.

People usually have fun at the Road Safety Centre and learn lots of useful information, and I might too.

