

# ACTIVITY - GET TO KNOW YOUR CAR'S SAFETY RATING

**Why: Getting to know the safety rating on your car or the car you are about to buy can make a big difference if you are involved in a crash. The higher your car is rated on the car safety rating scale, the safer it is to drive. Use this guide to refresh yourself with the key points from the video and get some ideas on how to use it as an activity.**

## IMPORTANT POINTS:

1. Cheap cars can often be cheap for a reason. It is always a good idea to get a second opinion when buying a vehicle from someone such as a mechanic. Don't be pressured into buying something straight away!
2. Always check your car's safety rating. Remember that 1 and 2 star vehicles are pretty unsafe!
3. A car's safety rating is a scale of 1-5 based on the structural integrity of the car.
4. You are twice as likely to be injured in 1-2 star car when you are involved in a crash.
5. You can check your car's safety rating at [rightcar.govt.nz](http://rightcar.govt.nz)

## ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- Get a group together and watch the video. You could play it in assembly or for smaller groups. After the video has played, get everyone to look up their number plate (or one that they know such as their parents) on [rightcar.govt.nz](http://rightcar.govt.nz). Create a short google form/quiz to send out to everyone who participated. You could ask what their rating was, if they were happy or unhappy with the result and check to see if they found it useful.
- Create a short quiz that tests people on the key information in the video such as which website to visit, what the star rating system means etc.
- For younger participants you could get them to make what a 1 star car vs a 5 star car looks like. You could use clay, cardboard boxes, playdough etc.
- You could make some posters with the right car website on them to put up at your school or in your community. You could keep it simple to build intrigue such as a picture of 1 star next to a picture of 5 stars with the caption "do you know the difference?"
- Design a pamphlet to take home so parents are informed too. Tell parents you want to help keep their children safe when helping them purchase their first car.