

From teacher training to curriculum reform

How to promote traffic safety education in schools

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Teacher training

- Aim: To motivate teachers and provide them with concrete tools for the classroom
- Teachers acknowledge the need for traffic safety education but they don't know how to go about it
- A total of 44 one-day training events all over Finland, all expenses paid
- Background information on attitudes and children's traffic safety as well as exercises and action models for the classroom.

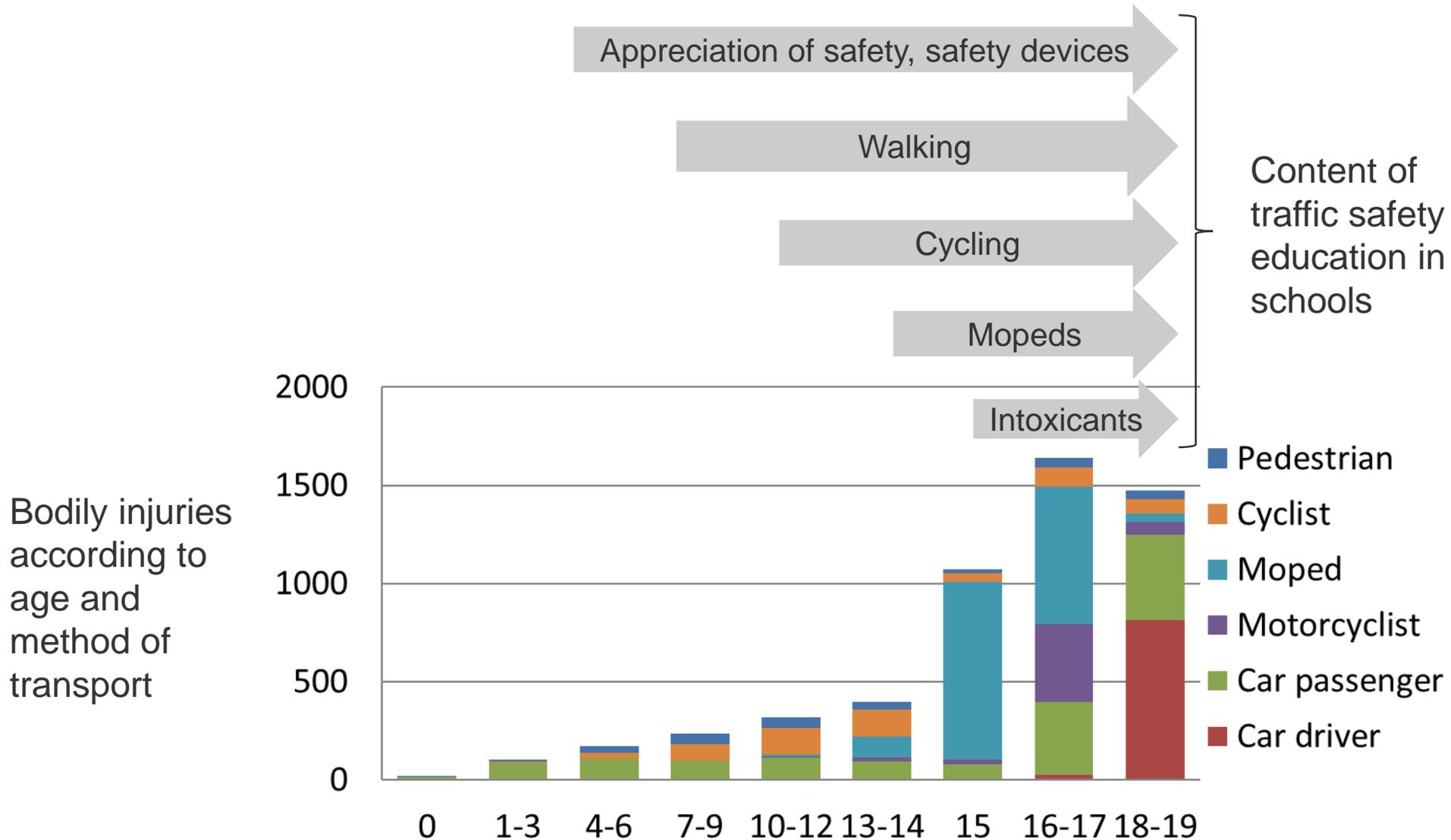


Traffic safety education in the core curriculum of basic education

- Curriculum reform in 2014
 - Finnish Traffic Safety Council's goal: 4 hours of traffic safety education per school year for each grade to assure continuity
 - Finnish Traffic Safety Council's input: lobbying, comments on the draft, concrete examples of content
- In the new core curriculum, traffic safety education is included in various subjects as well as in the multidisciplinary learning modules



Traffic safety education in schools – what it should be



Source: Statistics Finland and Finnish Road Safety Council, cumulative distribution in 2013-2015. 2015 figures pending.

Recent teacher survey results

- 98,5 % of respondents feel traffic safety education is a part of their job.
- 82 % of respondents think students' behavior in traffic can be influenced with traffic safety education.
- 39 % of respondents feel their traffic safety education skills need strengthening.
- 24 % respondents said students are involved in the planning and execution of traffic safety education.



The annual clock is a planning tool that schools can use as many traffic issues are related to a specific time of year.

The work needs to continue

- Traffic safety education in the core curriculum
- Motivated, well-trained teachers
- Materials and action models
 - Systematic, continuous, high quality traffic safety education through grades 1 to 9

A whole school approach to safety is the next step.



Thank you!