

# Know you are safe at Pedestrian Crossings



Stop



Look



Listen



This leaflet tells you about pedestrian crossings.

It tells you how to use them safely.

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You need to do 3 things before you use a pedestrian crossing.



You need to stop.



You need to look.



You need to listen.

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## Pedestrian Crossings

There are 8 sorts of pedestrian crossing.

### 1. Zebra crossing

Zebra crossings have black and white stripes that make a path across the road.



They have flashing belisha beacons at either side of the road.

They do not have traffic lights on them.

When you are on the Zebra crossing the traffic has to stop.

You must make sure that drivers have seen you before you use a Zebra crossing.



## 2. Pelican crossing

Pelican crossing means Pedestrian Light Controlled crossing.

Pelican crossings have buttons, signs and sounds to help people cross the road safely.

When you use the crossing you must press a button. It stops traffic using the traffic lights.



You can cross the road when the sign has a green man on it and the bleeper sounds.

The sign is across the road from where people are standing.



You must not try to cross the road when the green man changes to red and the bleeper sound stops.

When the green man changes to a red man the traffic lights will change to green. This will let the traffic carry on.



## 3. Puffin crossing

Puffin crossings are like Pelican crossing but they are smaller.

When you are at the crossing the signal is next to you. The signal is next to the people and not on the opposite side of the road.

The green man shows you when you can cross safely.

Pelican crossings are fitted with smart sensors that can tell if the crossing is clear. They let the traffic go on a green light.

The sensor can also tell if a person is taking longer to cross the road. It holds the traffic at a red light longer.



You must not use the crossing when the red man is showing.



## 4. Toucan crossings

Toucan crossings are wider crossings.

This lets people and cyclists cross the road at the same time.

This crossing works in the same way as a Puffin crossing.

You must always wait for the green man to show before crossing the road.



## 5. School crossings

School crossings have School Crossing Patrol Officers.

They are there around 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday during term time.



When they raise their STOP sign, the traffic must stop so that people can cross the road safely.



## 6. Pedestrian refuge (traffic island)

A Pedestrian refuge does not have any traffic lights or green man lights.

You must look right, then left, then right again to see if traffic is coming.

You should cross to the middle of the road using the refuge. When it is safe to do so, you can cross to the other side of the road looking and listening for traffic while you cross.



## 7. Level Crossing

Level crossings have alarms.

Drivers, cyclists and people follow the same rules at level crossings.

When the alarm sounds and the lights begin to flash, people must STOP and wait for the barrier to go down.

People must not try to cross or run across even if the barrier is not down.

When the barrier lifts check it is safe before crossing.



## 8. Pegasus Crossing

Pegasus crossings are for people and horses to cross the road safely together.

They are sometimes called Equestrian crossings.

There are not many of these crossings in the UK.

The crossing has an extra button 2 metres above the usual button.

This is so horse riders can reach it easily.



## REMEMBER!

Crossings are only safe if they are used correctly.



Do not cross when the red man is showing.



Press the stop button and wait for the green man to show.

Check that traffic has stopped before crossing the road.

If the green man starts flashing when you are crossing the road, keep walking to the other side.

If the green man is flashing do not start to cross the road.

## Word Bank



A belisha beacon is the large amber ball on the top of the black and white pole at the zebra crossing.



Pedestrian refuge is the safe area in the middle of the road.



Equestrian and Pegasus means the crossing that horses and riders can use.

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