

## Lesson 10: Pedestrian Crossings

This topic will explain the main rules and considerations for dealing with pedestrian crossings. The main focus is on two types of crossings - Formal and informal.



**All crossings** - look out for any warning signs for crossings ahead. Anticipate pedestrian crossings being present near shops and schools and in built up areas.

### Zebra Crossings

Zebra crossings have flashing yellow beacons either side of the marked crossing. The markings are black and white stripes across the road. You must stop for a pedestrian who steps out to cross but if a pedestrian is heading towards the crossing it is common courtesy to stop for them. You should be aware that you may need to stop on the approach and be aware of pedestrians either side of the road using your funnel vision.

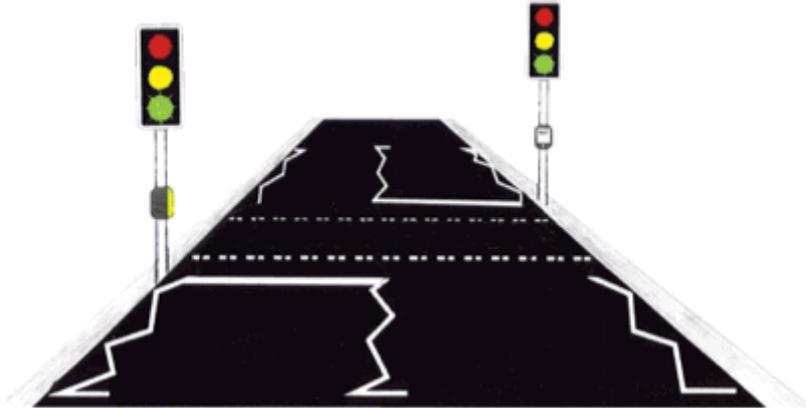


- Check your mirrors on your approach.
- Check the sides for pedestrians waiting or approaching the crossing.
- Be prepared to stop until you are past the crossing.
- In darkness be extra cautious as pedestrians are harder to see.
- In poor weather allow more time to stop
- Always apply your handbrake when waiting at a crossing to reduce the risk of being shunted into a pedestrian.
- Do not rev your engine or use gestures to hurry the pedestrian along.
- Never wave pedestrians across.
- Do not overtake or park on zig zag lines.
- Never block a crossing when in a queue of traffic.



### Signal Controlled Crossings

The main type of signal controlled crossing is the Pelican or Puffin Crossing. At a Pelican crossing pedestrians press a button, these are gradually being replaced by Puffin crossings. Puffin Crossings are intelligent crossings and use sensors to pick up pedestrians waiting to cross. - these reduce delays in traffic flow.



Toucan Crossings are shared by pedestrians and cyclists. There is often an advanced stop line to allow cyclists to position ahead of traffic.

Equestrian Crossings are for horse riders to cross. Signal

controlled crossings which have no flashing amber phase will have the same cycle and rules that apply at traffic lights.

### Recap Quiz (Read Highway Code Rules 191-199 and pages 183-188 of Driving Essential Skills)

- 1. Why is it important to complete the POM routine before moving off after stopping at a pedestrian crossing?

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- 2. What do zig zag lines mean?

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- 3. What does a flashing amber light mean at a pelican crossing?

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4. How are puffin crossings different to pelican crossings?

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5. Where would you see these signs?



6. What is meant by informal crossings?

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