



Safety of pedestrians

Practical lesson

Three types of crossing

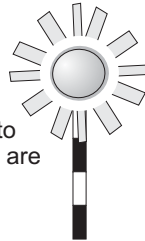
There are three types of pedestrian crossing:

- zebra
- traffic light controlled
- school warden or police controlled



Zebra crossings

These crossings are marked by Belisha beacons – black and white poles with an amber flashing globe at the top. You must always be on the look-out for people near the crossing and be prepared to stop to allow them to cross. On the approach to, and after, the crossing there are zig-zag white lines painted on the road surface. You must not park or overtake within these lines.



Pedestrian traffic lights

The sequence of pedestrian traffic lights sometimes differs from regular traffic lights; at pelican crossings there is a flashing amber light. When the flashing amber light shows you may proceed if there are no pedestrians on the crossing. (Note: you must stop, as usual, at the steady amber light that shows before red.) Watch out for pedestrians near the crossing who may have pressed the button to activate the lights; use the hazard routine and be prepared to stop.

School crossing patrols



Watch out for flashing amber lights under a 'children crossing' sign; these indicate that there is a school crossing patrol ahead. The crossing may be manned by a school warden, traffic warden or by a police officer. You must stop when you are instructed to do so. Wait until all the children have crossed and the warden is back on the footpath before you move off.



As a general rule you should always be on the look-out for pedestrians who may step into your path. This is especially the case if the pedestrians are old, infirm, or young (under 15). See *The Highway Code* for more information about pedestrian safety.

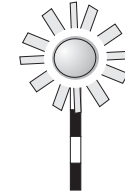


Driving quiz

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1 You will find a Belisha beacon at a (tick one answer):

- traffic light crossing
- railway crossing
- pelican crossing
- zebra crossing



2 What do these signs mean (refer to *The Highway Code*)?



3 If the flashing amber light shows at a traffic-light-controlled crossing, you can drive on if the crossing is clear.

TRUE

FALSE

Progress check



I can deal with pedestrian crossings with help from my instructor.

Signed Date

I can deal with pedestrian crossings without help from my instructor.

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