



SECTION 2

Road skills

Using a pedestrian crossing



Push the button.

The **WAIT** sign will light up.



Don't cross when the red man is lit.



When the **green man** lights up, make sure **all** the traffic has stopped, before crossing the road. Walk quickly but **do not run** across the road.



Keep **looking** and **listening** for traffic while you cross the road.

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

Using a zebra crossing



Stand on the pavement beside the zebra crossing.

Look right and left, and wait until the traffic has stopped from both directions. Walk across on the black and white lines.

Keep looking and listening while you cross the road.



Traffic Islands

A Traffic Island can help you to cross the road.

You must cross each side like it's a separate road. Use the **Green Cross Code** while you're crossing.

Remember...

Cars do not have to stop for you when you are crossing at a Traffic Island.

Bridges and subways



Footbridges can be used to cross very busy roads



Subways

If you are alone, subways may not be the best place to cross the road. It is better to walk a bit further and find a pedestrian crossing or other safe place to cross.

The green cross code



There probably won't be a pedestrian crossing on smaller roads. You will have to use the **“Green Cross Code”**.



Find a safe place to cross.

A safe place is where you can see the traffic clearly in all directions.



Stop just **before** you get to the kerb.



Look all around for traffic.

Look right, look left and then look right again.

Listen for traffic.

The green cross code



If there is any traffic coming **let it pass.**



When the road is clear go straight across. Walk quickly but **don't run.**

Keep looking and listening while you cross the road.

The green cross code



It is better not to cross between parked cars as drivers find it hard to see you. Try and find somewhere nearby where there are no cars.

If you have to cross near parked cars **look and listen** to make sure the cars are not going to move.

Stand in the road between the parked cars and use the edge of the cars like the kerb.

Do not cross near a large vehicle, like a lorry or van.

Remember...

Use the Green Cross Code to cross the road. Keep looking and listening.

Where it is not safe to cross



Near a junction.

X



Near a bend.

X



On the top of a hill.

X

Using roads in the country



If there is no footpath you should always walk facing traffic that is coming towards you. Remember to walk close to the side of the road.

Take extra care when two cars are meeting.



If you are with someone do not walk side by side. You should walk one behind the other or in line. The person with the brightest clothing should walk in front.

Getting off a bus on a country road



Wait on the footpath or verge until the bus has moved well away. Stay on the verge and look both ways and listen for traffic.

When no traffic is coming walk straight across the road **looking** and **listening** as you go.

Other things to look out for

Look out for emergency vehicles with blue flashing lights and sirens.



Police cars



Fire engines



Ambulances

If you see an emergency vehicle coming or hear a siren **do not cross** the road. They can go very fast and may **not** be able to stop.

Other things to look out for



Look out for

Cyclists

Remember that you may not hear them coming.



Bus Lanes

Buses may be moving faster than the rest of the traffic.

Cyclists might also be using this lane. They might be travelling quietly and fast.

Be Seen

You can make it easier for drivers to see you by wearing the right clothes.



You should wear or carry something that is **bright**.

At night drivers can see you if you wear something **reflective**.