

Subject:

Pedestrian Crossings

Recap:

Previous driving experience. Experience of using crossings as a pedestrian.

Objective:

What How to approach & negotiate pedestrian crossings safely.

How Look at the various different types of pedestrian crossings and discuss the differences and the routines for dealing with them followed by on road practice.

By the end Be able to approach & negotiate different types of pedestrian crossings safely & with due regard for other road users.

Main Points:

Different Types Fall into two main categories - Controlled (Lights/Person) & Uncontrolled

Uncontrolled Only one type - Zebra crossing

Identify As early as possible - look for warning sign & zig-zag lines on approach.

Flashing yellow beacons on either side. Black/white stripes of crossing itself.

Hazard Use MSM procedure on approach.

Signal Brake lights - Consider slowing down arm signal (informs pedestrians & vehicles approaching from opposite direction your intention to slow/stop).

Manoeuvre Match speed to what you can see - slow enough to stop if necessary.

When to stop You ***should*** give way to pedestrians waiting to cross.

You ***must*** give way if a pedestrian has stepped onto or is already crossing.

Where to stop If you have to give way - stop behind line not on crossing itself.

Don't Park or overtake on zig-zag lines

Beckon pedestrian to cross or intimidate them by revving engine etc.

Controlled Pelican - Puffin - Toucan - School Crossing Patrol

Pelican Uses lights control traffic - Sequence differs from normal traffic lights.

Flashing amber phase - Give way to pedestrians already on the crossing.

Puffin Similar to Pelican - Sequence is the same as normal traffic lights.

Infra red scanner detects when crossing is in use and holds light on red.

Benefits drivers (reduces hold ups) and pedestrians (enough time to cross)

Toucan Similar to Toucan - Sequence is the same as normal traffic lights.

For use by both pedestrians & cyclists - expect to see on cycle routes.

School Crossing Advance information - Warning signs & two alternately flashing amber lights.

Patrol The handheld sign stating 'Stop Children' tells drivers they must stop.

Always Identify crossing early, use MSM routine, take good observations, match your speed to what you can see & always be prepared to stop.

References:

Driving the Essential Skills P. 129-132 Official Driving Test P. 46-47

BSM Pass Your Driving Test P. 124-128

Any Questions?